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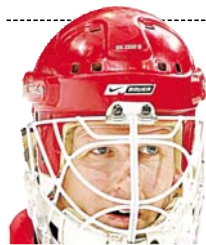
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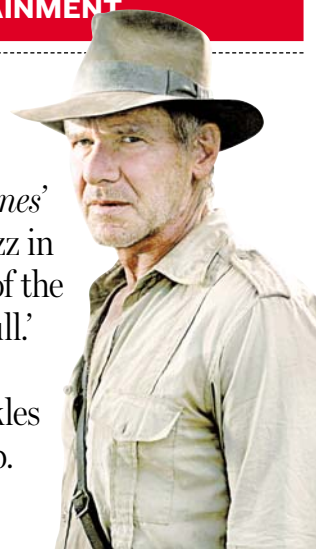


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Court: Texas Wrong to Take Sect Kids

WINNING SIDE: Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints members hug in San Angelo, Texas, after an appeals court ruled Thursday that the state had no right to seize more than 440 children in a raid on their polygamist sect last month. A judge has 10 days to release the kids from state custody, but Texas may appeal. ❖ **'Great day':** Sect members feel vindicated | **Page 3**

Senate OKs War Funds Bill

GOP lawmakers break with Bush on new aid for veterans

WASHINGTON | In a stunning vote that illustrated President Bush's diminished standing, the Senate on Thursday ignored his veto threat and added tens of billions of dollars for veterans and the unemployed to his Iraq war spending bill.

A majority of Republicans broke ranks with Bush on a veto-proof 75-22 vote while adding more than \$10 billion for various domestic programs, including heating subsidies for the poor, wildfire fighting, roads and bridge repair, and health research.

Democrats crowed about their victory. But the developments meant more confusion about when the must-pass measure might actually pass and what the final version will contain. Senators voted 70-26 to approve \$165 billion to fulfill Bush's request for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan into next spring, when Bush's successor will set war policy. Overall, the measure contains \$212 billion over the coming two years — \$28 billion more than the administration sought — plus about \$50 billion more through 2017 for veterans' education benefits.

Bush has promised to veto the Iraq spending if it exceeds his requested amount. (AP)



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Donkey First Animal To Grasp Moral Code

A Mexican donkey has been freed from jail after doing time for assault and battery. The Televisa network on Wednesday showed Blacky gobbling food from a bucket after spending three days in a jail that normally holds people for public drunkenness and other disturbances. Blacky was jailed for biting and kicking two men near a ranch outside Tuxtla Gutierrez, the capital of Chiapas. Officials freed the donkey after its owner paid a fine of \$36 and the \$115 hospital bill of the men, who suffered bites to the chest and a broken ankle. Authorities say he also must pay \$480 to each man for missed work days. (AP)



GAS

Prius Owners Are Finally Speechless

High gas prices have driven a Warren County, Tenn., farmer and his sons to hitch a tractor rake to a pair of mules to gather hay from their fields. T.R. Raymond bought Dolly and Molly at a mule sale last year. Son Danny Raymond trained them and also modified the tractor rake so the mules could pull it. T.R. Raymond says the mules are slower than a petroleum-powered tractor, but there are benefits. "This fuel's so high, you can't afford it," he said. "We can feed these mules cheaper than we can buy fuel. That's the truth." And Danny Raymond says he just likes using the mules around the farm. "It's the way of the future," added son Robert Raymond. (AP)



SALVATORE DI NOLFI/AP

PUBLIC ART

Ski Ball

German artist Arnd Drossel practiced running across the Rade of Geneva in a steel ball named "Inner Balance" Wednesday in Geneva, Switzerland. His feat, slated for Friday, is part of a meeting of mental-health care associations. The project's Web site, Drossel-design.de/innerebalance, was informative, once Google translated it from German into English: "Arnd throttle is an artist and inventor and led this project together mit der Sozialpsychiatrischen Initiative Paderborn eV [SPI] durch." Of course! (EXPRESS)

ANIMALS

Wild Boar-Owner Association Thrilled

A herd of wild boars thwarted a suspected car thief's getaway in northern

Germany. Police in Schwerin say the 18-year-old drove into a field and abandoned the stolen SUV he was driving Thursday after failing to shake off a patrol car that was chasing him. Police nabbed his passenger immediately. But

they say the driver initially got away by running into nearby woods. Officers then heard the fugitive shouting for help—he had run into a herd of angry wild boars that were keen to protect their young. (AP)

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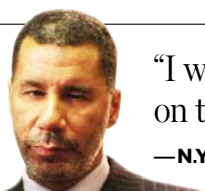


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ENDORSEMENTS

McCain Rejects Hagee

Sen. John McCain on Thursday rejected the endorsement of megachurch pastor and ardent Zionist John Hagee after learning of a sermon in which Hagee posited that Nazism was God's will.

Hagee's sermon was delivered in the late 1990s, but a video of it began circulating widely this week on the Web. The sermon calls Hitler a "hunter," a reference to the Book of Jeremiah, which quotes God saying he "will restore [the Jews] to the land I gave to their forefathers."



McCain

gave to their forefathers."

When asked what McCain thought of the remarks, campaign spokesman Tucker Bounds responded with an e-mail from McCain denouncing Hagee.

"Obviously, I find these remarks and others deeply offensive and indefensible, and I repudiate them," McCain said. "I did not know of them before Reverend Hagee's endorsement, and I feel I must reject his endorsement as well."

JULIET EILPERIN AND MICHELLE BOORSTEIN

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HOLIDAY: In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, Express will not publish on May 26.



LM OTERO/AP

A mother who is a member of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints cries in front of the Tom Green County courthouse in San Angelo, Texas, after hearing the appellate court's ruling in the sect's custody battle with the state.

Court Rules in Sect's Favor

Judges say Texas had no right to seize kids at polygamist ranch

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS | In a ruling that could torpedo the case against the west Texas polygamist sect, a state appeals court Thursday said authorities had no right to seize more than 440 children in a raid on the splinter group's ranch last month.

The Third Court of Appeals in Austin said the state failed to show the youngsters were in any immediate danger, the only grounds

"It's a great day for Texas justice. This was the right decision."

JULIE BALOVICH, ATTORNEY

in Texas law for taking children from their parents without court action.

It was not clear whether the children — now scattered in fos-

ter homes across the state — might soon be returned to their parents. The ruling gave a lower-court judge 10 days to release the youngsters from state custody, but the state could appeal to the Texas Supreme Court and block that from happening.

The decision in one of the biggest child-custody cases in U.S. history was a humiliating defeat for the state Child Protective Services agency. It was hailed as vindication by members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, who claimed they

were being persecuted for their religious beliefs.

"It's a great day for Texas justice. This was the right decision," said Julie Balovich, a Legal Aid attorney for some of the parents. She was joined by several smiling mothers who declined to comment at a news conference outside the courthouse in San Angelo.

Every child at the Yearning for Zion Ranch in Eldorado was taken into state custody more than six weeks ago after someone called a hotline claiming to be a pregnant, abused teenage wife. The girl has not been found and authorities are investigating whether the call was a hoax.

Child-protection officials argued that five girls at the ranch had become pregnant at 15 and 16 and that the sect pushed underage girls into marriage and sex with older men and groomed boys to enter into such unions when they reached adulthood.

But the appeals court said the state was not justified in sweeping up all the children and taking them away on an emergency basis without going to court first.

"Even if one views the FLDS belief system as creating a danger of sexual abuse by grooming boys to be perpetrators of sexual abuse and raising girls to be victims of sexual abuse ... there is no evidence that this danger is 'immediate' or 'urgent,'" the court said.

CPS spokesman Patrick Crimmins said department attorneys had not decided whether to appeal. "We are trying to assess the impact that this may have on our case," he said.

MICHELLE ROBERTS (AP)

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Petraeus: Fall Troop Cuts Possible

Top Iraq commander says he will assess war effort in September

WASHINGTON | Gen. David Petraeus said Thursday he is likely to recommend further troop reductions in Iraq but won't promise more details until fall — timing that plunges the four-star Army general into the heart of this year's presidential elections.

The fall assessment would come at a critical time in both U.S. and Iraqi politics. U.S. voters will be deciding between a GOP candidate committed to keeping troops in Iraq as long as Petraeus and other ground commanders say is necessary, and a Democratic challenger who supports the immediate withdrawal of forces.

At the same time, Iraq will be headed into its much-anticipated provincial elections, which U.S. officials have described as a crucial step in building national reconciliation by increasing participation by the Sunni minority.



Gen. David Petraeus arrives on Capitol Hill for his Senate Armed Services Committee confirmation hearing to become commander of the U.S. Central Command.

Petraeus said conditions on the ground will still dictate his decision. But by September, when he is slated to assume control of U.S. Central Command, "my sense is that I will be able to make a recommendation

at that time for some further reductions," he said.

In recent months, Petraeus has helped to tame growing opposition to the war in Congress by providing measured assessments of progress

and warning that an exodus of U.S. troops would result in chaos.

Gen. Petraeus' fall assessment will arrive at a critical time in U.S. and Iraqi politics.

His unflappable style was on display again Thursday in a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing to confirm him for the Central Command post. The hearing was considerably less contentious than his past appearances and even came with an endorsement by the panel's chairman, Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y.

Also receiving a warm reception was Lt. Gen. Raymond Odierno, expected to replace Petraeus as the top commander in Iraq.

ANNE FLAHERTY (AP)

House Panel Subpoenas Rove In Firings Case

WASHINGTON | The House Judiciary Committee on Thursday subpoenaed former White House top political adviser Karl Rove to testify about whether the White House improperly meddled with the Justice Department.

Accusations of politics influencing decisions at the department led to last year's resignation of former attorney general Alberto Gonzales.

The subpoena issued Thursday orders Rove to testify before the House panel on July 10. He is expected to face questions about the White House's role in firing nine U.S. attorneys in 2006 and the prosecution of former governor Don Siegelman of Alabama, a Democrat.

Neither Rove nor his attorney, Robert Luskin, could be immediately reached for comment. (AP)



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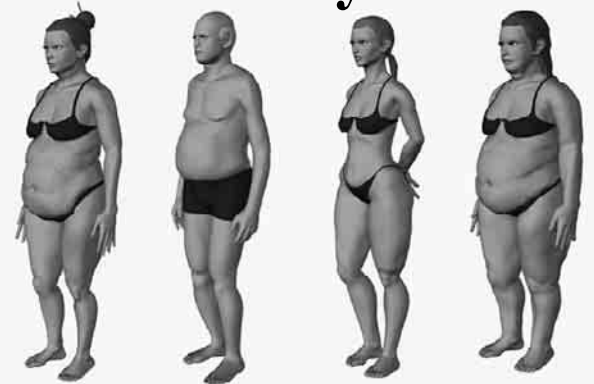
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The potential size of the jury pool for O.J. Simpson's armed robbery trial, Las Vegas court officials said. Potential jurors will be given a 115-item questionnaire.

Obama Mum on VP Rumor

Sources say candidate is secretly beginning running mate search

WASHINGTON | Likely Democratic nominee Barack Obama has begun a top-secret search for a running mate, fresh signs that the general election campaign is well under way and the primary race against Hillary Rodham Clinton is drawing to a close.

Obama has asked former Fannie Mae CEO Jim Johnson to begin vetting potential vice presidential picks, Democratic officials said Thursday.

Obama refused to acknowledge Johnson's role when The Associated Press asked the Illinois senator about it in the Capitol Thursday.

"I haven't hired him. He's not on retainer. I'm not paying him any money. He is a friend of mine. I know him," Obama said. "I am not commenting on vice presidential matters because I have not won this nomination."

Obama's campaign refused to



Barack Obama said Thursday he is not commenting on any possible search for a running mate. Many Democrats want Obama to pick Hillary Rodham Clinton.

talk about who was being considered, but some in the party are calling for him to pick Clinton.

Other possible options are governors such as Arizona's Janet Napolitano, Kathleen Sebelius of Kansas and Tim Kaine of Virginia; foreign policy experts such as former Georgia Sen. Sam Nunn, Connecticut Sen. Chris Dodd or Delaware Sen. Joe Biden; or other senators such as Missouri's Claire McCaskill and

Virginia's Jim Webb.

He could also look outside the party to people such as war critic and Nebraska Republican Sen. Chuck Hagel or New York Mayor Mike Bloomberg. Or he could look to one of his early prominent supporters, such as former Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota or John Edwards. Or he could try to bring on a Clinton supporter like Indiana's Evan Bayh. NEDRA PICKLER (AP)

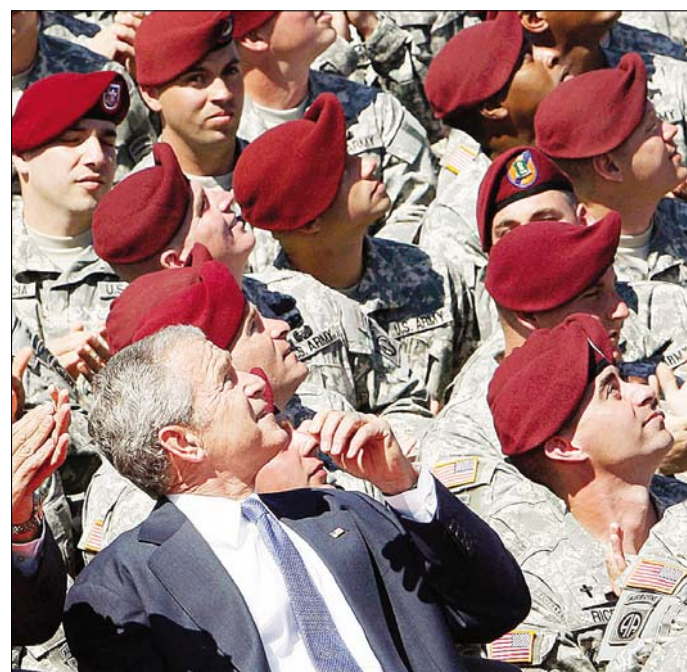
Forecasters See Busy Hurricane Season in 2008

TAMPA, FLA. | The 2008 Atlantic hurricane season could be slightly busier than average, with a good chance of six to nine hurricanes forming, federal forecasters said Thursday in a new way of making predictions. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration officials also said 12 to 16 named storms and two to five major hurricanes could form.

They said there is only a 60 to 70 percent chance of their predictions' coming true, the first time officials gave a probability. They took that step following years of criticism of their long-range forecasts, which have been fairly accurate but in some cases have been way off.

For example, government forecasters expected 12 to 15 named storms in 2005, but there turned out to be 28. (AP)

FORT BRAGG, N.C. | HOMECOMING



HIGH DIVE: President Bush watches members of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division parachute onto a field during a division review ceremony Thursday. Bush's visit to Fort Bragg, his fourth as president, coincided with "All-American Week" at the base. The homecoming was canceled last year because nearly the entire division was fighting in Iraq or Afghanistan.



STONE-HURT: Two men attacked Stonehenge with a hammer and chipped off a piece of stone before running away last week. An English Heritage spokeswoman said Thursday the damage was "very, very slight," but it was still upsetting because, "this kind of thing has not happened for decades."

World

U.N. Chief Tours Myanmar Delta

Secretary-general is 'very upset' by glimpse of cyclone devastation

KYONDAH, MYANMAR | U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon flew over Myanmar's flooded Irrawaddy delta on Thursday to witness the ravages of a cyclone: Villages were empty of life, flattened huts dissolved into water and people perched on rooftops.

Nearly three weeks after the storm, life was grim even at a camp showcased by Myanmar's junta dur-

ing the carefully scripted tour.

"I'm very upset by what I've seen," Ban said, visibly shaken by the firsthand look at the devastation, even though the areas to which he was taken were far from those worst-hit by Cyclone Nargis.

Before his visit, Ban said he was bringing a "message of hope," to Myanmar after the May 2-3 cyclone, which killed more than 78,000, according to the government.

The four-hour tour Thursday included two stops — one at Mawlamyinegyun, an aid distribution



U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon talks with displaced people in Kyondah, Myanmar.

point stocked with bags of rice and cartons of bottled drinking water, and the other at a makeshift camp where 500 people huddled in tents in the village of Kyondah, about 45 miles southwest of Yangon.

Still, the destruction in the region was relatively mild compared to that in Labutta and Bogalay to the south, where the Red Cross said rivers and ponds were full of corpses and many people have received no aid. Officials gave no explanation for why Ban was not taken to those areas. JOHN HEILPRIN (AP)



Immigrants stand near tents at a refugee camp in Primrose, South Africa.

25,000 Displaced In S. Africa

Hundreds of foreigners escape violent attacks by leaving the country

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA | Hundreds of immigrants boarded crowded buses for Mozambique and other African nations Thursday, passing bags and even babies through the windows in a rush to flee violent attacks against outsiders that have left 42 dead.

But many other immigrants — drawn to South Africa by hopes of a better life — say they have nowhere to run despite violence that has forced more than 25,000 from their homes.

South Africa's poorest have increasingly blamed migrants from Zimbabwe and other African countries for domestic problems. The frustration boiled over two weeks ago, when mobs tore through the slums of Johannesburg, leaving foreign victims burned alive, stabbed, shot or beaten to death.

In a bid to tamp down the violence, South Africa put soldiers on the streets of its commercial hub Thursday — the first time since the end of apartheid that the military has been deployed in Johannesburg.

DONNA BRYSON (AP)

In Brief

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP

Palestinian Detonates Bomb At Israel-Gaza Strip Crossing

A Palestinian detonated a powerful truck bomb at the main pedestrian crossing between Israel and the Gaza Strip on Thursday, causing extensive damage. Although the bomber killed only himself, the magnitude of the explosion raised fears that Palestinians are adopting tactics used by extremist groups. (AP)

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

Protest Over Koran Shooting Leaves NATO Soldier Dead

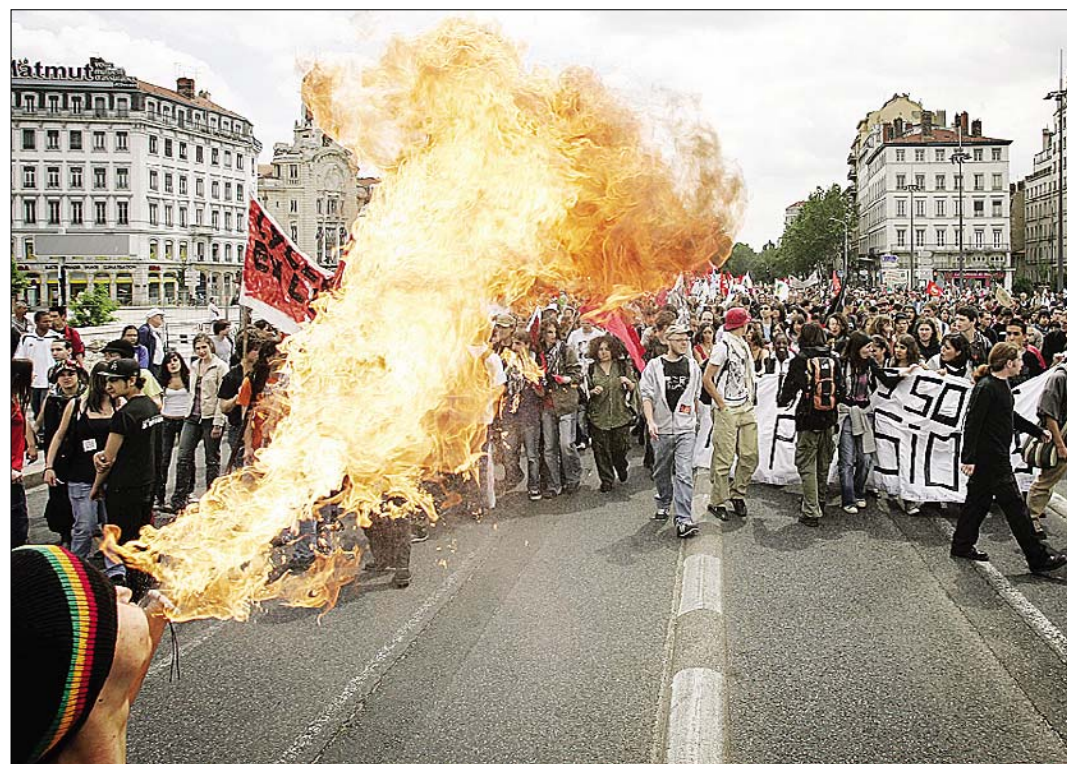
Gunfire broke out Thursday at a protest in western Afghanistan against a U.S. sniper in Iraq who used a Koran for target practice. Police opened fire on demonstrators who threw rocks and set tents on fire in western Ghor province. Officials said a NATO soldier from Lithuania and two civilians were killed. It was not clear who shot at them. (AP)

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

President Issues Apology To Citizens for Beef Accord

South Korea's president apologized Thursday to citizens for a beef import accord with the U.S. that has sparked fears of mad cow disease. President Lee Myung-bak's TV address was aimed at trying to calm anger over the April 18 deal. The deal calls for Seoul to resume full-scale imports of U.S. beef for the first time in more than four years. (AP)

LYON, FRANCE | THOUSANDS PROTEST REFORM PLANS



HEATED DEMONSTRATION: A man blows flames during a strike by civil servants in Lyon, France, on Thursday. Nearly 300,000 people marched in Lyon and in more than 100 other French towns and cities to demonstrate their discontent over pinched pocketbooks and President Nicolas Sarkozy's reform plans, which include raising the retirement age.

U.S. Airstrike in Iraq Kills 8 People

BAGHDAD | A U.S. helicopter strike north of Baghdad killed eight people in a vehicle, including at least two children, Iraqi officials said Thursday, insisting all the dead were civilians. The U.S. military said six were al-Qaeda militants but acknowledged children were killed.

AP Television News footage

showed the bodies of three children in blood-drenched clothes — the eldest appearing to be in his early teens — along with the bodies of five men, at the hospital in Beiji, where the dead were taken after Wednesday evening's strike.

Iraqi and U.S. officials each put the number of slain children at two.

The reason for the discrepancies between the two accounts and the TV footage was not known.

It was the latest incident threatening to alienate Sunni Arabs, who have played a key role in the decline in violence over the past year by joining forces with the U.S. against al-Qaeda in Iraq. Beiji, an oil hub 155 miles north of Baghdad, is in a largely Sunni area. KIM GAMEL (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: A study released Thursday said that 11 species of sharks and rays should be added to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's "red list" of threatened species. (AP)

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World

China Razes Quake Town

Reconstruction work begins as government warns of new disasters

BEICHUAN, CHINA | Heavy equipment began toppling the few buildings left standing in this quake-stricken town once home to 30,000 people, and workers in white protective suits sprayed disinfectant Thursday in the silent streets.

Ten days after China's worst disaster in a generation, it appears the search for survivors — and even the dead — was giving way to the first steps toward reconstruction.

The smell of bleach in Beichuan was overpowering as workers

BY THE NUMBERS

The latest facts about the May 12 earthquake in Sichuan province:

- Dead: 51,151
- Missing: 29,328
- Injured: 288,431
- Homeless: 5 million
- Orphans: 4,000
- Classrooms destroyed: 6,898
- Company losses: \$9.5 billion
- Tents needed: 3.3 million (AP)

sprayed disinfectant on buildings, trees and the soles of shoes of people leaving the town, where thousands are still likely buried.

A layer of lime — used as a disinfectant to sprinkle on bodies —

covered roads and surfaces where corpses were yet to be recovered.

Rescuing trapped survivors was the first priority of the military-led response to the May 12 quake, and teams pulled 33,434 people from the rubble alive, officials say.

Now, those efforts have come to a virtual standstill. No rescues have been reported since Wednesday.

On Thursday, the government warned of the risk of new disasters from blocked streams, earthquake-loosened soil, mudslides and the upcoming rainy season.

Debris from the quake had created blocked rivers and streams, creating 34 "barrier lakes" that could become unstable. AUDRA ANG (AP)



Indigenous men attend a protest against the construction of a hydroelectric dam in the Xingu River in Brazil on Thursday.

Tensions Rise Over Brazil Dam Plan

Critics of the proposed Belo Monte dam say it will harm rain forest

ALONG THE XINGU RIVER, BRAZIL | Indians fish from canoes along the curves of this Amazon tributary and tend manioc crops near the site of a proposed dam that's been talked about for decades, but is now pushing forward under Brazil's multibillion-dollar construction spree.

The Belo Monte dam will swallow

thick rain forest and harm rare fish, as well as the livelihoods of roughly 15,000 people who live in this remote area, critics say.

Flush with cash from its roaring economy, Brazil is spending \$296 billion in the next two years alone on huge hydroelectric dams and other infrastructure to expand industry, boost exports and create jobs. But the boom also means paving and stringing power lines through thousands of miles of pristine jungle.

Tensions are rising. About 1,000

Indians rallied in nearby Altamira this week to fight the proposed \$6.7 billion dam, planned as the world's third-largest power producer.

On Tuesday, protesters attacked a national electric company official with machetes after he spoke to the group; he left shirtless and bloody from a shoulder gash.

On Thursday, organizers called off a march to the banks of the Xingu River that had been planned for Friday, saying they feared more violence.

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Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
FstMarblhd	3.91	+.93	+31.2
SantndBop	12.90	+2.88	+28.7
Indymac	2.03	+.29	+16.7
ZaleCp	21.17	+2.53	+13.6
Trex	13.16	+1.39	+11.8

Losers

DicksSptg	22.25	-4.29	-16.2
EnterraE g	4.10	-.75	-15.5
BCE g	33.10	-4.73	-12.5
RiteAid	2.03	-.27	-11.7
SpectBrds	4.23	-.49	-10.4

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.23	5.23
3-month disc	4.76	4.81
2-year	4.68	4.64
10-year	4.67	4.68
30-year	4.83	4.86

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers




STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
CreditAcc	30.21	+5.42	+21.9
EvrgrSlr	10.92	+1.82	+20.0
Sucampo n	11.41	+1.83	+19.1
Yucheng	12.67	+1.87	+17.3
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Losers

BlueCoat s	18.09	-4.55	-20.1
Syntroleum	2.30	-.43	-15.8
AlabAircft	2.34	-.41	-14.9
MechTch rs	3.08	-.52	-14.4
RoyaleEn	4.83	-.77	-13.8

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5055	.5079	.5063
Canadian Dollar	.9856	.9848	1.0859
European Euro	.6370	.6337	.7432
Japanese Yen	105.26	104.17	121.57
Mexican Peso	10.3734	10.3734	10.7776
Taiwanese Dollar	30.49	30.53	33.46

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
 +24.43	 +16.31	 +3.64
+0.19	+0.67	+0.26
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Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AbtLab	54.85	+.49	-2.3
Allergan s	54.43	+.49	-15.3
AstraZen	44.01	+.01	+2.8
BarrPhm	42.44	+1.24	-20.1
BrMySq	21.95	+.14	-16.3
Cephln	67.66	+.35	-5.7
ForestLab	34.79	+.29	-4.6
Hospira	39.91	+.47	-6.4
JohnJn	65.41	+.14	-1.9
LillyEli	48.48	+.38	-9.2
Merck	39.03	-.10	-32.8
Pfizer	19.78	-.23	-13.0
SchergPl	19.75	+.44	-25.9
WarnerChil	17.17	+.01	-3.2
Wyeth	43.88	+.24	-.7

Ford Abandons Profitability Goal

Automaker says it will not recover by 2009, plans production cuts

DETROIT | Fast-rising gas prices claimed their latest victim Thursday: Ford Motor Co., which dropped its goal of becoming profitable by 2009 and said it will cut production of trucks and sport utility vehicles through the rest of this year. It was a warning shot to the rest of the beleaguered U.S. auto industry, which is facing its worst sales in more than a decade.

Dearborn, Mich.-based Ford didn't rule out layoffs or plant closures as it retrenches in a slumping industry, saying it would release more detail about its cost-cutting efforts in July. Ford cut its forecast for U.S. light vehicle sales this year to between 14.7 million and 15.1 million, down from 17 million as recently as 2005. If sales drop as low as 14.7 million, it would be the slowest year for U.S. vehicle sales since 1993, according to Ward's AutoInfoBank.

Ford said it will cut North American production by 15 percent in the second quarter, 15 to 20 percent in the third quarter and 2 to 8 percent in the fourth quarter. The cuts will primarily affect pickups and sport

utility vehicles, which have seen sales plummet in recent months due to rising gas prices, the weak economy and the slowdown in new home construction.

Production cuts hurt automakers' revenues because the companies book vehicles as sold when they leave the factory.

"We all would like the basic business environment to not have deteriorated, but, clearly, the most important thing we can do for the long-term success of the Ford Motor Company is deal with this reality," Ford President and Chief Executive Alan Mulally said in a conference call Thursday. DEE-ANN DURBIN (AP)

17 The number of vehicles, in millions, Ford sold in 2005. The company expects to sell between 14.7 million and 15.1 million this year.

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STATION JAM: Jake Phillips, left, and Kelsey Busch wait for their turn to receive \$40 worth of free gas at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds Thursday. The free gas promotion took place in 24 cities across the country. The giveaway in Coeur d'Alene attracted 200 vehicles, which began lining up at 6:45 a.m.

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The amount, in billions of dollars, of the Montgomery County, Md., budget approved by county council members Thursday. The budget will bring property tax increases of about 13 percent for the average homeowner.

Local

IN The Washington Post | BEACH SEASON BEGINS



TRAVEL TRADITION: Katie Ashlin, a waitress at the Crab Claw Restaurant in St. Michaels, Md., eats some crabs before her shift on May 21. Eating at the crab shack has become a tradition for some families traveling to the beach.
❖ **Half the fun:** Frequent beach travelers find that visits to local roadside eateries are as much a part of the vacation as the actual beach. | **Today's Metro**

Metro Cuts Charter Buses

New federal ban forces transit agency to end regional shuttle service

Metro will no longer be providing shuttle bus service for Washington Redskins games or Wolf Trap performances or dozens of school field trips across the region because of a new federal ban, General Manager John B. Catoe Jr. said Thursday.

Under Federal Transit Administration regulations that became final May 1, public agencies cannot operate charter bus service if private companies are available to provide the service. Last year, Metro chartered nearly 2,500 buses and earned \$1.6 million.

Without a waiver from the FTA, Metro cannot provide charter ser-



Catoe

vice without first checking with dozens of charter bus companies in the region, a time-consuming task that would require Metro to send e-mails to every motor coach company registered in a regional database, officials said.

"This rule, quite effectively, takes Metro out of the business of providing charter bus service," Catoe said during a Metro board meeting.

The ban has little financial impact on Metro. Metro's fees — \$310.50 per bus for a minimum of three hours, \$207 per bus for schools — cover direct costs, overhead and "a small profit," Catoe

said. The real impacts, he said, are inconvenience to customers and safety concerns about buses not operated by Metro driving through Metro stations.

"We have no oversight on the charter bus providers, and that raises questions of safety for our operators, employees and customers," he said.

Improved bus service was the focus of Thursday's board meeting. Members praised a proposal from planners to add rapid-bus service on 18 crowded bus corridors across the region during the next six years.

The aim is to speed travel times and increase reliability. Metro runs limited-stop service on five existing bus corridors.

LENA H. SUN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Empty Homes Attract Mosquitoes

FAIRFAX, VA. | Add this to the list of problems created by the mortgage crisis: more mosquitoes.

Health officials in the Washington area say foreclosed homes are becoming breeding grounds for the insects.

Mike Cantwell, of the Maryland Department of Agriculture, predicts the problem will get worse this summer as pools, bird baths

and flower pots at vacant properties fill with water. Fairfax County Health Department Supervisor Jorge Arias says homeowners who abandon properties create additional breeding grounds by taking everything out of their house and leaving items in the yard. The issue is a serious health concern because some types of mosquitoes can transmit West Nile virus. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, May 22

DISTRICT	
Mid-day Lucky Numbers	9-7-5
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	0-1-0
Mid-day DC 4	5-9-6-0
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	0-5-7-9
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	8-17-20-25-26
Daily 6 (Wed.)	1-7-14-17-24-29 Bonus: 32
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	13-17-19-29-33 (15)

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	5-6-9
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	0-4-1
Mid-day Pick 4	2-8-8-0
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	3-7-3-9
Match 5 (Wed.)	5-8-18-23-26 Bonus: 14
Lotto (Wed.)	7-11-25-36-39-41
VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	2-4-7
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	3-1-8
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	3-0-0-1

Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	4-0-2-2
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	2-4-10-27-30
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	12-17-18-22-34
Win for Life (Wed.)	7-15-25-26-32-39

MULTI-STATE GAMES	
Powerball (Wed.)	7-16-21-33-42 (25)
Power Play	4X

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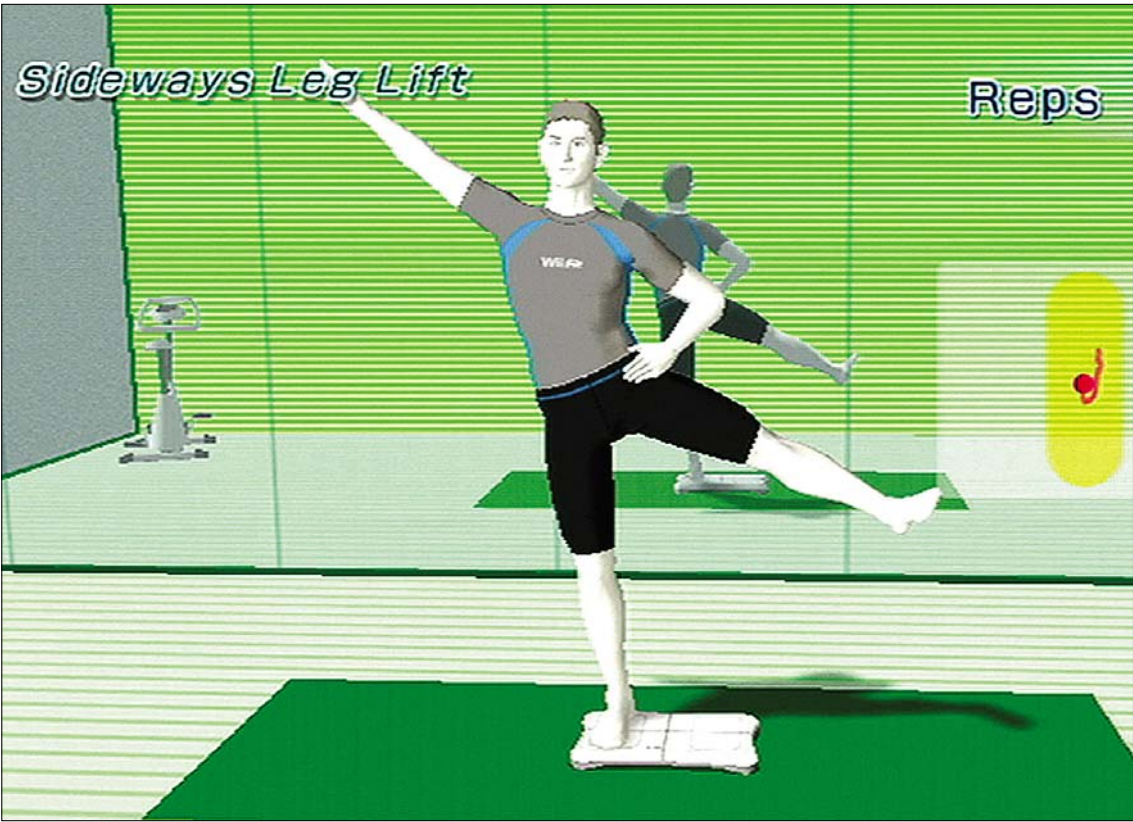
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BALANCE OF THE FORCE: Wii Fit, which came out recently, is designed to improve a player's balance and overall fitness.

A Wii Workout

Nintendo's new Fit game is fun, but it's not a gym substitute

@PLAY | After all the good times we've had together, it's nice to know my Wii doesn't think I'm fat. Last week, Nintendo launched an unusual new product designed for use with its fast-selling game console. Called Wii Fit, the \$90 package comes with a game disc and a sturdy, 10-pound platform that users stand on, shifting their weight from side to side to control their in-game characters. The device and its software can also weigh users and calculate their body mass. Nintendo's Wii system is famous for getting people off the couch to play its tennis and bowling games; now the company aims to introduce users to yoga moves, ab crunches and push-ups, all performed atop the new Wii Balance Board, as the platform is called. Wii Fit has already proved popular in Japan, where it has sold 2 million units since its release last



FEEL THE PAIN: A 10-pound platform is the key element when using Wii Fit.

year. Design of the hardware and software was overseen by Shigeru Miyamoto, the famous Nintendo game designer behind many of the company's biggest hits, such as the Mario franchise. Game companies have a long and mostly unsuccessful history of trying to tie physical activity to video games. The idea goes back at least 25 years, to the heyday of the Atari

2600 game console, which had a similar-in-spirit device called the Joyboard. In more recent years, some games designed for the PlayStation 2 used a special camera to try to "watch" users' movements as they participated along with aerobics programs on the system. One toy device on the way, from a company called iToys, is aimed at motivating kids to move their bod-

ies more in the real world by offering rewards in the virtual world. As they play and move, a pedometer records points that can be redeemed in a virtual play world when the device is plugged into a computer. The device, called ME2, is scheduled for release late this summer. There are more than 40 activities packed into the Wii Fit disc, ranging from skiing and hula-hoop games to rowing, squat and leg extension exercises. In keeping with the traditional structure of video games, users can't access every feature on the disc at first: The more you "play," the more activities you unlock.

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SUNDAY IN BUSINESS

Read Mike Musgrove's complete @Play column, from which this piece was excerpted; plus, Michelle Singletary's Color of Money column and stock tips.

IN The Washington Post

Heck, if you feel like going for a run, you can even stick the Wii controller in one pocket and jog in place and off goes your "Mii" avatar on a circuit run around a virtual video game park, populated with all the avatars that you and your friends have put together on the system. Maybe Wii doesn't think I'm overweight, but it does seem to regard me as a klutz after I flub a few balance-related tests. I'm not sure I like the implications I detect in some of its questions, like: "Do you find yourself tripping when you walk?" The software is set up so that you can use it to also track any exercise activity you're up to when you're away from the Wii; those worried about privacy can keep their weight fluctuations and workout habits protected by a password. So far, I have yet to break much of a sweat with Wii Fit. As I contort my torso to follow along with the directions of the software's mellow yoga instructor, he encourages me to "visualize" my "ideal body" as I focus on my breathing and my balance. Wii Fit is interesting, and I look forward to spending some more time with it. But if I were to ever do more than just visualize that ideal body, I think I'd have to start going to the gym again. The real one. MIKE MUSGROVE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Dressing for work can be a lot of, well, work. We offer a guide to office style. SUNDAY SOURCE

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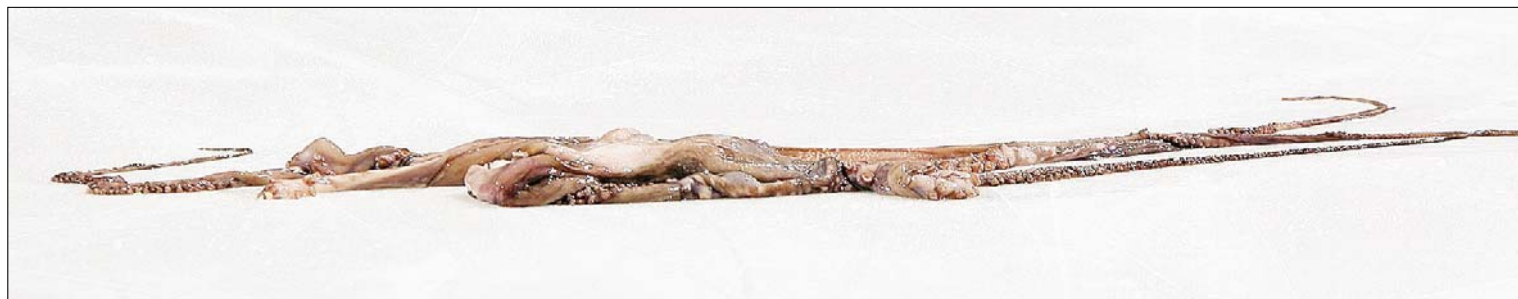
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Sports Weekend



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The Last Leg

Wings and Pens have both stormed into the Stanley Cup finals

STANLEY CUP FINALS | While the Detroit Red Wings count postseason victories on the tentacles of octopi, both they and the Pittsburgh Penguins can chart their playoff losses on the fingers of one hand — and still have some left over.

It's been quite a run to the Stanley Cup finals for this year's NHL conference champions, who have combined for 24 wins and only six losses along the way.

Back when it took only eight wins to claim the Cup in the Original Six era, octopi starting hitting the ice in Detroit to provide a symbolic countdown of tentacles to the championship. Even though the necessary win total has doubled, the tradition still exists at Joe Louis Arena.

The Red Wings rolled through the Western Conference playoffs with a 12-4 mark, sandwiching six-game victories over Nashville and Dallas around a sweep of Colorado.

Pittsburgh stormed through the East, grabbing 3-0 leads against Ottawa, the New York Rangers and Philadelphia. New York and Philadelphia both managed home wins in Game 4 to stay alive, only to be eliminated two days later in Pittsburgh. The Penguins are 8-0 in the playoffs at home and have a



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A Red Wings fan throws an octopus on the ice during Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinals, a tradition that started when eight wins won the Stanley Cup.

16-game winning streak there dating to a shootout loss to San Jose on Feb. 24.

Adding in the first-round sweep of Ottawa, the Penguins are a sparkling 12-2 overall this postseason.

Each team relies on big-name forwards to carry the offensive load, and both have solid supporting casts. Detroit had a league-high 115 points in the regular season, while Pittsburgh earned the No. 2 seed in the East with 102.

"Both teams are very similar," said Penguins forward Ryan Malone, a Pittsburgh native. "The way we played through our playoffs, I think we earned our chance out of the East. I think the same for them. I think we match up pretty similar, which is kind of scary."

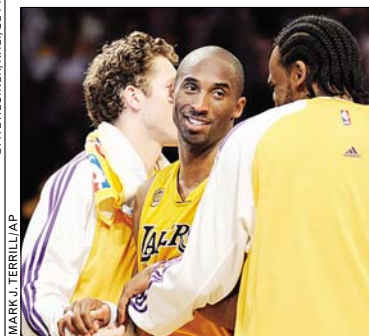
So, the age-old question exists: Will youthful legs be enough to offset the vast experience owned by the Red Wings?

The average age of the Penguins, who have played in at least one playoff game this year, is 27.9 — compared to 32.3 for Detroit. The Red Wings have 10 players on their roster who have captured the Cup, combining for 23 championships. Pittsburgh has three former winners, totaling four titles.

The Penguins have risen quickly after having the second-fewest points in the league just two seasons ago.

"It has the makings of what should be a great final with two really good, skilled hockey teams," Penguins general manager Ray Shero said. "There's the added mystery of not playing each other this year. I think that adds to the element." IRA PODELL (AP)

TV Lineup



The Lakers were all smiles after coming from behind to beat the Spurs.

friday

9 P.M. The Lakers came back from 20 points down in Game 1 against the Spurs. What does Kobe have in store for Game 2 in L.A.? TNT

7 P.M. The Orioles are at Tampa Bay all weekend. MASN2

saturday

8:30 P.M. The Pistons and Celtics head to Detroit, and Boston tries for its first road win of the playoffs. ABC

8 P.M. Game 1 of the Stanley Cup finals is in Detroit. VERSUS

7:30 P.M. It might be understating it to say D.C. United has underachieved this year. On Saturday, it plays Toronto FC at home. CSN

sunday

8:30 P.M. The Spurs and Lakers travel to San Antonio for Game 3. TNT

1 P.M. Head to the Brickyard for one of the biggest races of the year, the Indy 500. ABC

1 P.M. Or, if you prefer, ESPN is airing the College Softball World Series all weekend. ESPN

monday

12 P.M. The Fench Open begins at Roland Garros, kicking off weeks of tennis that will result in another Rafael Nadal victory. ESPN2

8 P.M. The Penguins stay in Detroit for Game 2 of the Stanley Cup finals against the Red Wings. VERSUS

8:30 P.M. Game 4 of the NBA's Eastern Conference finals is also in Detroit on Monday night. ESPN



REDSKINS | What a Catch Redskins tight end Chris Cooley is getting married on Friday to former Redskins cheerleader Christy Oglevee, and he wrote about the process on his blog. "I'm excited for the big day, so please don't feel sorry for me because marriage sucks for you. No I'm not nervous, I don't want any marriage advice, and yes Christy's mom is still hot," he wrote. He said that he didn't do much of the planning but he did make the seating chart and he said, "I'm not trying to stick Dan with my drunken uncle." (EXPRESS)

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Weekend Sports

Kobe Keeps L.A. in Control

MVP knows he can score at will, and he proved that in Game 1

NBA PLAYOFFS | Even Spurs coach Gregg Popovich knew the Lakers' Kobe Bryant was just biding his time.

"Kobe, he was doing a trust-his-teammates thing in the first half," Popovich said. "He was checking it all out and seeing where his territory was going to be. In the second half, he went to work."

So, it wasn't surprising when Bryant, who had just two points on 1-of-3 shooting at halftime, scored 25 in the second half of Wednesday's 89-85 win over the Spurs in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals.

"I just tried to see the flow of the game, tried to manage the game," Bryant said. "I can get it off any time, and in the second half, I did that."

"I know I can make that push, and I knew once I did, I could get the game back under control, get it under 10 where we knew we could be in striking distance," he added.

The Lakers had trailed 65-45 early in the third quarter.

Bryant went 10-of-18 in the second half, including a 10-foot jumper for an 87-85 lead with 24 seconds left. He finished with nine assists and five rebounds.

Popovich, when asked whether he was worried about any carryover to Game 2, smiled and said, "Well, sure. Coaches worry about everything. We've got to dig down deep, forget about this and figure out a way to come back just as aggressively as we [played] the first three quarters."

The Lakers are 6-0 at home in



Kobe Bryant was 10-for-18 in the second half in Wednesday's win over the Spurs.

the postseason and have won 12 straight games at Staples Center.

The Lakers hadn't played since Friday, when they beat Utah to make the conference finals for the first time in four years. The Spurs advanced by winning at New Orleans three nights later, and their flight from Louisiana to Los Angeles was delayed several hours, so they didn't arrive at their hotel in suburban Santa Monica until Tuesday morning around 9 a.m.

Still, they insisted fatigue was no factor in the loss.

"No one gives any excuse," Parker said. "We were in pretty good shape, had a great lead. We had a great chance to win the game, and we just didn't play well enough in the fourth quarter." **KEN PETERS (AP)**

Late game: The Celtics-Pistons game ended after Express' deadline. Get results in **Today's Post, Sports**

Nats' Kearns Placed on 15-Day DL

NATIONALS | Washington Nationals right fielder Austin Kearns will have surgery Friday on his sore right elbow and is expected to miss three to four weeks.

Kearns will have an arthroscopic procedure to remove bone fragments in his throwing elbow. He was

placed on the 15-day disabled list Thursday. The Nationals will make a corresponding roster move prior to Friday's series opener against the Milwaukee Brewers.

Kearns has struggled all season, batting .187 with three home runs and 16 RBI. **(AP)**

Bergmann Builds Confidence

Nats pitcher bounces back from demotion with 2 strong outings

NATIONALS | To fully appreciate just how good Jason Bergmann has been in his last two starts, you have to consider just how putrid he was in his three starts last month.

In 12.1 painful innings, he allowed 16 earned runs — a futile display that contributed to an elongated early season losing streak that stripped the Nationals of their spring training optimism and got Bergmann demoted.



Jason Bergmann has thrown 14 consecutive scoreless innings in his last two starts.

innings — seven apiece in a 1-0 victory over the Mets last week and in a game the Nats eventually lost 1-0 to the Phillies on Tuesday.

Pitching is a complicated combination of brains, guts and stuff, and there's no switch to flip when things are going poorly. Bergmann,

upon joining the Clippers, was at a point in which his career could go one of two ways. His return to the majors was far from certain, particularly after he gave up a combined nine runs in his first two minor-league starts.

The goal, Bergmann said, was

Power Outage

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to get his head working in concert with the rest of his body. The smaller stage suited the task.

"It's just a lot less pressure," he said. "You're not on TV. It's a little less of a venue. When you have to go out there and throw in front of the Marlins and Phillies and you don't have your best stuff and you're lacking confidence, it's a lot different than facing a team in Triple-A."

He was dominant in his final three starts for Columbus, only once allowing the opposing team to score. When O'Connor struggled, Bergmann carried the momentum back to Washington along with a renewed ability to work the strike zone and locate his breaking pitches.

"Two tough teams he's pitched against and he's done good. I think that can only help his confidence," manager Manny Acta said. "Still, two games doesn't make a season. We all know that Bergy has it in him. He's got the stuff. It's a matter of being consistent doing that, and he knows that, too." **DEREK TURNER**

PITCHING MATCHUPS



Odalis Perez

→ Throws: Left
→ Fastball: Low 90s
→ Best Pitch: Curve


YEAR	IP	ERA	W	L	H	ER	BB	SO
'08 NL	56.0	4.34	1	4	64	27	22	41
'07 NL	137.1	5.57	8	11	178	85	50	64



Jeff Suppan

→ Throws: Right
→ Fastball: Low 90s
→ Weakness: Fastball

YEAR	IP	ERA	W	L	H	ER	BB	SO
'08 NL	52.2	4.78	2	3	63	28	21	22
'07 NL	206.2	4.62	12	12	243	106	68	114

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"We'd lost nine in a row when I got sent down, and that feeling in the clubhouse is never fun," Bergmann said. "Now that I've come back, there's still work to be done, but I'm pleased, so far, with the results."

In two starts since returning from the Columbus Clippers, the right-hander has thrown 14 shutout

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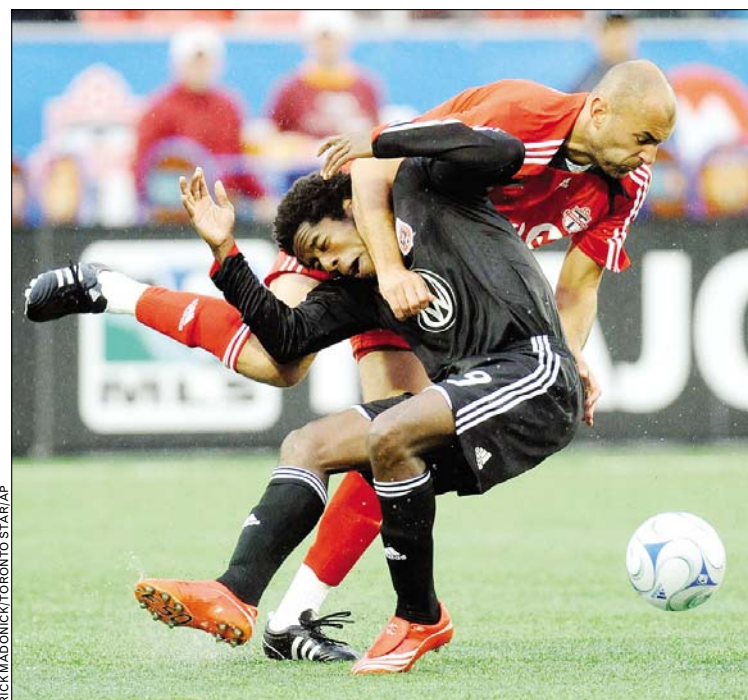
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United's Clyde Simms gets tied up with Danny Dichio during D.C.'s 1-0 loss to Toronto FC in Canada on Wednesday. The rematch is at RFK Stadium on Saturday.

For D.C., Panic Time Is Nearing

United has scored only 1 goal during its 4-game losing streak

UNITED | The Wednesday night 1-0 loss in Toronto was D.C. United's seventh setback of the season. That's as many league defeats as it suffered all last year, and it's only May.

There is no more waiting for new players to gel and no more counting on a forgiving MLS format that sends eight of 14 teams to the postseason. D.C. (2-7-0) has lost four straight (scoring one goal), is ensconced in the Eastern cellar and is a long way from playoff consideration. It's nearing panic time on East Capitol Street.

"It seems as if it's going to be one of those years we're going to have to fight against everything," captain Jaime Moreno told reporters on Wednesday.

The fight to save the season, and perhaps coach Tom Soehn's job, continues Saturday night in a must-win return engagement against Toronto (4-2-2) at RFK. The ensuing schedule, which features games at New England and Chicago (D.C. hasn't won on the

road in nearly nine months) and a home date with two-time defending champ Houston, makes Saturday's result all the more crucial.

"They'll roll up their sleeves and go to work. We'll do it at home," Soehn promised.

United did defeat Toronto, 4-1, at RFK in early April, but that result is looking more like a fluke as time passes. Although the effort Wednesday was better than in previous outings, D.C. still resembles a team playing together for the first time. Soehn was able to field his strongest available lineup in Canada and the side still was unable to produce a goal. Each game seems to reveal a different shortcoming, while Moreno, Luciano Emilio and Marcelo Gallardo continue to struggle to produce consistently.

Goalkeeper Zach Wells opted to focus on the club's improving effort. Right now, there is little else to feel good about.

"It's tough times, but I think with everyone healthy we're starting to gain a little more momentum; at least we're putting pressure on teams and playing a little better. The goals and the wins will come."

BRIAN STRAUS

No Validation Needed

Tony Kanaan has won just about everything — but not the Indy

INDY 500 | For some drivers, winning the Indianapolis 500 would make their career. Tony Kanaan isn't looking for any such validation.

Good thing, too.

The good-natured Brazilian has done everything except win the biggest event in American open-wheel racing. Kanaan's sixth-place start in Sunday's 92nd Indy 500 will be his worst in seven races, while his finishes have included a second (in 2004), a third, a fifth and an eighth. He is the only driver who has led in each of the last six 500s.

That record has made Kanaan a perennial favorite to win at Indy. And he easily could have two or three victories if not for circumstances and mistakes.

Last year, he had the strongest car in the race, leading half the rain-shortened 166-lap event. But Kanaan spun out to avoid a crashed car in front of him and wound up 12th when rain cut short any hope of a comeback just 10 laps later.

That was just the latest disappointment for Kanaan, who seems able to win anywhere but



Tony Kanaan has had plenty of reasons to celebrate, but never at the Indianapolis 500.

Indianapolis.

Though he may not get the attention like two-time Indy winner and childhood friend Helio Castroneves or fan favorite Danica Patrick, Kanaan has proven time and again he is one of the best drivers in the IRL IndyCar Series. He won the championship in 2005 and has won at least one race each of the past five seasons.

But don't expect Kanaan to complain about anything as minor as

having bad luck at Indy.

"The way I got brought up, with all my difficulties, I learned how to accept facts and understand what you can and what you cannot do," Kanaan said. "I'm not saying I'm satisfied with what I have all the time, but I think I came a long ways.

"I achieved, I conquered; I won a championship, which I believe is far more difficult than winning one race." MIKE HARRIS (AP)

Swengali

NATIONALS | BY MATT SWENSON, MATT.SWENSON@READEXPRESS.COM

Bonds in D.C. Is a Natural Fit

AS IT WAS POINTED OUT in this space earlier this week, our Washington Nationals are rather boring to watch.

In other words, the team that can't draw fans to its new stadium lacks a certain juice.

Rather than treating the problem like the weather — which we always lament but never do anything about — I come here offering a solution so obvious that it's too good to be true.

Washington should sign Barry Bonds.

No one has more juice than Bonds — well, other than maybe Roger Clemens — even if it's not the juice the Nats are openly craving.

D.C. has always been a soft landing spot for over-the-hill stars, whether they're named Moses Malone, Michael Jordan or Deion Sanders.

It makes sense for Bonds, too. No athlete needs good lawyers more than baseball's home-run king, and no city has more lawyers than the nation's capital. And Bonds would fit right in with the halfway-house gang already here. Imagine a one-



Barry Bonds could add a little bit of juice to the Nationals' struggling lineup.

two punch of Bonds and Dmitri "Da Meat Hook" Young. Brandon Webb would be shaking in his cleats.

Fans would turn up, at least until the Redskins' season. Everyone loves a freak show, and it would be interesting to see which is bigger: Bonds' ego, head or flaxseed oil collection.

The jury is still out on the slugger's courtroom woes, but a verdict has been reached here.

The Nats would still be bad, perhaps even worse than before, with Bonds. But fans would have an easy target to needle the rest of the season.

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SHE REALLY CAN PLAY ANYTHING: Cate Blanchett channels cartoon Russian villains of yore when dealing with a grizzled Harrison Ford in "Crystal Skull."

It's always good to see Indy, but this isn't the 'Temple of Doom'

FILM | You see the hat before the hero — that famous fedora, the one that stays put through every tricky situation, or at least at arm's length for a hasty getaway. And, of course, he still has the whip, the paralyzing fear of snakes and the catchy John Williams theme song that will surely gnaw at your brain for hours afterward.

Yes, "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" dives headfirst into the iconography of the franchise, which will bring a smile to your face and warm you with nostalgia. It's admittedly a pleasure to see Harrison Ford back in the role.

Once you get past the initial reintroduction, though, it's obvious that this fourth film in the "Indy" series really has no idea where to go. Except for the opening — which literally starts the film off with a bang — and a couple of dazzling chase sequences, "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" is about as unfocused and meandering as the title itself.

'Hollow Skull'

It's been 19 years since "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" (which, apparently, was the second-to-last crusade) and 27 years since director Steven Spielberg introduced us to the intrepid, quick-with-a-quip archaeologist Dr. Henry "Indiana" Jones.

Instead of the breathless action of previous films, this one gets draggy and repetitive in the middle, with Indy and co. traipsing through various tombs, searching by torchlight for clues to the origin of the mysterious and powerful Crystal Skull of Akator.

The fear that fans have long held is justified: that technology unavailable during the first three "Indy" movies would make this one look slick and fake. That's

especially true during the protracted, messy climax. But even before that, everything feels so glossy and detached that there's never reason to believe the peril is real — it all lacks the tactile feel of, say, a giant ball bearing down, a wobbly rope bridge groaning over a chasm or a horseback chase through a dusty canyon.

Spielberg fashioned part one, "Raiders of the Lost Ark," as a fun and funny, rough-and-tumble homage to action-adventure pictures of the 1930s and '40s. It's still a classic that holds up beautifully today, and is far and away the best of the franchise.

In "Crystal Skull," there's not much in the way of emotional investment, and there's even less humor. The cheekiness that made Indy so charming — the swagger and the sarcasm — are long since gone. Much of what made the character so compelling was the fact that he seemed like an entertaining guy to hang out with. Now, even his students don't have schoolgirl crushes on him anymore. Maybe that means it's time to hang up the fedora after all. **CHRISTY**



LEMIRE (AP)

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Big Band is alive and well and living at the Carlyle Club in Arlington.

I'm turning 30 this year, and I want to have a nice birthday celebration. I was hoping to find a restaurant with dinner and dancing.

OK, the food at Carlyle Club is a little short of fabulous — more like good — but when you've got Doc Scantin's Orchestra playing 1920s Duke Ellington rags or Eric Felten crooning tender World War II ballads, it'll completely make up for the menu.

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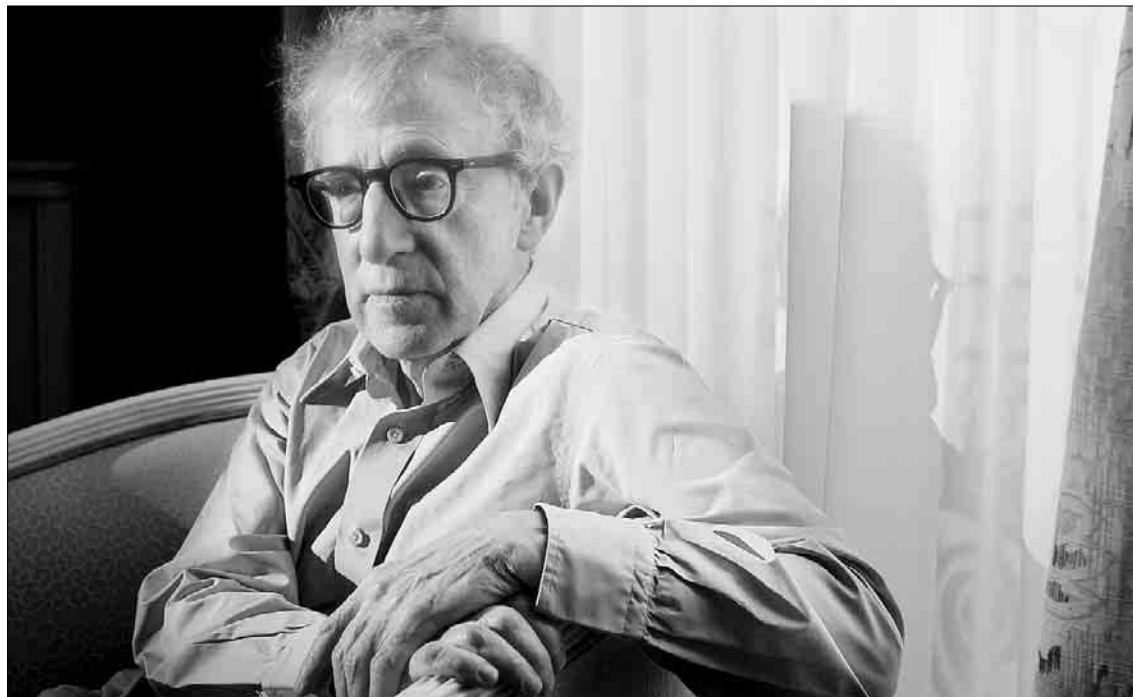
Do you have any information on the opening of D.C. outdoor pools for the season (particularly East Potomac)? Will they be weekend-only until school is out?

Some open this weekend, some open next. Georgetown and Banneker will be open starting tomorrow; cannonballs at East Potomac have to wait until May 31. You can enjoy the pool at the Omni Shoreham's happy hour Thursdays.

→ *Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St. NW; 202-234-0700. (Woodley Park)*

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MAN OF MANY FILMS: Though Woody Allen has made 39 movies, "Vicky Cristina Barcelona" is just the third to screen at Cannes.

Directorspeak

Woody Allen plays favorites, spills on his elusive masterpiece

Q&A | Woody Allen may be more revered in France than in any other country, but this year is only his third visit to Cannes in 42 years, after 39 features as a director. Yet his appearance with "Vicky Cristina Barcelona" is just the latest

in a recent string of unexpected overseas trips from a man who dreaded crossing the Hudson River for decades. The film's title encompasses the repressed Vicky (Rebecca Hall), the uninhibited Cristina (Scarlett Johansson) and the city where they both become romantically entangled with an intense painter (Javier Bardem) and his unstable ex-wife (Penelope Cruz).

How would you say that you're different as a filmmaker now than five or 10 years ago?

You do develop a certain amount of technique working with different cameramen, but, basically, films change only to the degree that you've grown as a person or shrunk. That's reflected in my films, for better or worse — what I've lived through, what I've read, how the world has changed. I've been a happier per-

son. But from 62 to 72, I don't know that much has changed except in my arteries.

You talked years ago about how you may not ever make that one masterpiece. Is that something you're still aiming for?

That's become an obsessive thing — when you finish a film, you set out to make it with the grandest intent; then you see how miserably you failed and can't wait to get to the next film to correct that. I've always tried to make a terrific film, but it's eluded me over the years.

What are your favorites now, and have they changed as time goes by?

They haven't changed too much. I've always liked "Husbands and Wives," always liked "Purple Rose" and "Bullets," like "Danny Rose" and "Zelig." I liked "Match Point" a lot. A lot of the films the public has embraced haven't been among my personal favorites. I always feel best about films of mine where I get an idea that comes straight to me and I bring the idea off. When that happens, I feel great, and if audiences didn't come, it didn't matter to me because I thought, "Wow I did a great job!"

Since death has been such a theme in your work, how do you feel about death now? How have your feelings about it changed?

They haven't changed. We're hardwired to reject it. Problem is, it doesn't reject us. **GREGG GOLDSTEIN** (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)



Prisoners at attention in "Procedure."

Through The Lens Of a Vet

A longtime filmmaker makes Abu Ghraib horrifyingly new

FILM | "Standard Operating Procedure" is not the first documentary on Iraq. It's not even the first picture to focus on the notorious Abu Ghraib prison. What it is is the first time Errol Morris has looked at these issues, and that makes the difference.

Morris, one of the world's premier documentarians, has done something quite unusual. He has taken the prison everyone has heard of, the photographs everybody has seen and the torture that people are either ashamed of or in denial about, and looked at it all with such a fierce specificity that to experience "Standard Operating Procedure" is to feel that we haven't focused on those things at all.

For the first time in a feature, we hear testimony from five of "the seven bad apples," the military police officers from the 372nd Company who were prosecuted for what happened at Abu Ghraib.

"Standard Operating Procedure" not only lets us listen; it shows us things, things we would prefer not to see. It is not an easy journey to take. **KENNETH TURAN** (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

The Importance of Being Young

'Reprise' celebrates the identity-forging of early adulthood

FILM | For all their emphasis on the youth market, American movies have never done a good job of portraying actual youth. The idea that young equals dumb prevails. What Hollywood tends to ignore is perhaps the central project of late adolescence and early adulthood — the avid, voracious

creation of identity.

Norwegian director Joachim Trier's inspiring first feature, "Reprise," joyfully tackles the process of self-creation, as well as the friendships that feed and sustain it.

"Reprise" is the story of Philip (Anders Danielsen Lie) and Erik (Espen Klouman-Hoiner), two friends who finish writing their first novels and mail them off together from the same mailbox. In their shared fantasy, which Trier tells in an artful, narrated fast-



Friends lean on each other through a period of self-discovery in "Reprise."

forward catapulting fashion, both books get accepted for publication. Low sales and cult authorship follow, along with tragic romances and moody trips to Paris.

"Reprise" uses things like possibility and projection into the future in the same way other films experiment with time. Unrealized potential plays a major part in the story, which is propelled and haunted by what could have been, might have been, should have been, wasn't. **CARINA CHOCANO** (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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FRIDAY

Not promed out yet? Step this way for the Bike Prom, which is an odd idea but one with plenty of potential. The Washington Area Bicyclist Association is turning **THE BLACK CAT** into a two-wheeled dance party with photos, DJs and the works. The WABA is encouraging prom attendees to ride their bikes to the club, and members will be setting up extra bike racks outside, where the Cat's bouncers can keep an eye on them. The \$5 cover goes to the WABA.

HILLYER ART SPACE is a gem of a gallery, tucked into a mews behind the Phillips Collection. The two-room space, which is bigger than you'd think, offers a great mix of shows, ranging from Brazilian printmakers and emerging Soweto painters to works by local colorfield artists and sculptors. Check out the current shows — paintings by D.C.-based Anna U. Davis and Toronto resident Ante Sardelic — tonight as the gallery hosts a fundraiser for its local artist series. DJs Will Eastman (Bliss) and Gavin Holland (Nouveau Riche) provide the electro-tinged tunes, while Kylos mixes up some video art on the spot. The party runs from 7 to 11 p.m.; Donate \$10 (or



Thought you'd never see the reappearance of Chico DeBarge? Wrong you were.



GLOBAL DOMINATION: DJ Dredd pits Prince against the World at the Black Cat.

more) to join in.

SATURDAY

A couple weeks ago, we wrote about a quasi-secret show featuring the Brave Burns. Those with a passing knowledge of D.C. music history and deciphering anagrams could figure out that it was the Urban Verbs, new wave almost-stars of 30 years ago who were getting the band back together. The purpose of the show was to work out some kinks, integrate a new rhythm section and test out a pair of new tunes before Saturday night's more proper reunion show at **THE 9:30 CLUB**. So, if that was just a warmup, expect some great things at the "real" show. As David noted in his review, the band's songs and sound didn't sound dated, Roddy Frantz's dramatic vocals were in fine form, and Robin Rose's defining synth work was similarly on point.

Chico DeBarge survived prison, the tragic flameout of his greatly talented older siblings and some terrible fashion choices in the '80s to lay claim to a few obscure but solid contributions to the pantheon of slow jams. He hasn't had a new release in a while, but grown folks will fondly remember "Rainy Night" or even "Iggin' Me." You can catch up with the youngest DeBarge brother at the **SHERATON CRYSTAL CITY** Saturday night along with contemporary crooner Carl Thomas and the mature go-go band Suttle Thoughts. Advance tickets are available at logan3000production.com/.

If you've never heard DJ Mandrill spin old-school house Paradise Garage-style, you're missing a true master at work. He's appearing Saturday night at **THE RENAISSANCE M STREET HOTEL** downtown, which is

the headquarters for many Black Pride events. Admission is \$10, and a light buffet is provided, beginning at 10 p.m.

Hopefully, we're not ruining the Millionaire Mind Group's "Secret Society Event" by telling y'all about it, but it's too good to pass up: premium open bar and hors d'oeuvres all night at **LOUNGE 201**, plus a DJ and dancing, for \$65 — \$60 if you pay in advance.

SUNDAY

The marquee event of Black Pride weekend is Nucleus, a concert and dance party starring "American Idol" winner and Broadway star Fantasia Barrino. The event takes over all three floors at **AVENUE**, leaving plenty of room for three DJs, performances by opening acts Bry'Nt, KC Sullivan and Eriq J'Mar, and an appearance by Harlem's City Gym Boys fitness crew. Buy your tickets now: General admission is \$35 in advance, and VIP passes, which allow holders to skip lines and access special areas, are \$55. Those prices double at the door. Platinum passes, which include a meet-and-greet with Fantasia and a buffet, are \$80.

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BABY MAMA (PG-13, 96 minutes) Tina Fey is an overachieving corporate vice president who hires a working-class party girl (Amy Poehler) to be a surrogate mother: Angie, a hard-edged, slightly ditzzy dame who has decided to rent out her womb at the advice of her loser of a common-law husband, Carl (Dax Shepard). Fey and Poehler could easily have become caricatures. Instead, each actress gives her character her dignity, grounding her as a recognizable human being. For those who crave mannerisms and shtick and like their jokes set up and knocked out with plenty of arrows and quote marks, the film may fall flat. But audiences alive to the modest charms of its take on female friendship will be rewarded with at least a few quiet chuckles. (AH)

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN (PG, 137 minutes) Those plucky Pevensie children make an impressive if somewhat repetitive return in this second installment. Wicked King Miraz (Sergio Castellitto) has driven the Narnians of old underground and set out to murder Narnia's rightful ruler, the young and handsome Prince Caspian (Ben Barnes). Once again, the four young crusaders do battle with the forces of evil, and once again they prove that a ragtag team can overcome swords and catapults through the sheer force of goodness. The Pevensies still make for terrific tween protagonists, and Aslan, the majestic mythical lion voiced by Liam Neeson, is still a breathtaking manifestation of the Cat Upstairs. (AH)

88 MINUTES (R, 105 minutes) Al Pacino plays a playboy-forensic-psychologist-professor who, on the eve of the execution of the man whom he most famously testified against, receives a phone message that he has 88 minutes to live. He must find the putative killer and prevent his own death even as bodies are being uncovered in crime scenes that so replicate those of the man Pacino testified against it suggests that he may have helped convict the wrong man. The implausibility of the movie is only one problem; there are so many others. The truth hasn't been stretched, it has been drawn and quartered. (SH)

THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG-13, 113 minutes) Jason Tripitakas (Michael Angarano) is an American teenager in the present day. His friendship with an elderly pawnshop proprietor in Chinatown leads



THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE CUTE BUT FICTIONAL PRINCE: Ben Barnes and William Moseley face overwhelming odds in "Prince Caspian." Guess who wins.

to a journey to ancient China. He finds himself hurtling into the past, dispatched to return a precious wooden staff. And he teams with a scruffy, drunken kung fu master (Jackie Chan). Chan manages to endear himself in the worst of movies, which is what he does here. The kung fu includes master fighter Jet Li as a warlord, but it's wan and disappointing, all choreography and no real damage. People fly with all the grace and credibility of a Photoshop animation quickie. (DT)

FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R, 110 minutes) We can either laugh or weep at man's infinite capacity to do stupid things. Which is why guffawing at the naked guy flexing his breasts in this film is not only time enjoyably spent, but philosophically cathartic. The male of the species — amusingly hapless Peter (Jason Segel) — retreats to Hawaii, trying to get over a traumatic breakup, only to find himself

in the same hotel as his recent ex, TV actress Sarah Marshall (Kristen Bell). The movie follows producer Judd Apatow's doctrine perfectly, which is to use semi-improvisational scenes to find the hilarious interface between man's vulnerability and dorkability. (DT)

HAROLD & KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO BAY (R, 102 minutes) Success-motivated Harold (John Cho) and stoned slacker Kumar (Kal Penn), get arrested and racially profiled on a flight to Amsterdam after Kumar lights up an electronic bong that looks rather like a bomb. An idiotic Homeland Security agent (Rob Corddry) has them sent to Guantanamo Bay. They escape and make their way back to clear their names. The political satire in this semi-obscene frat-house romp has a really clever edge, so it's too bad the film limits its audience with such fatiguing lewdness. JANE HORWITZ

IRON MAN (PG-13, 120 minutes) Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.) is taken prisoner by a warlord who orders him to build a state-of-the-art weapon. Instead, Stark builds a suit of iron, the better to bust out of the cave and give his enemies a beat-down. The real Iron Man doesn't emerge until Stark is back in California. He announces that his company is getting out of the weapons business. Thenceforth, the film sets about the business of proving that plowshares can be as sexy as swords. It succeeds only fitfully. Amid so many generic fireballs, kill shots and earsplitting thumps, bumps and crunches, the film finally collapses under its own weight. (AH)

MADE OF HONOR (PG-13, 101 minutes) Patrick Dempsey and Michelle Monaghan have it all, in terms of looks, likability and even how they blend together. But they're hapless prison-

ers in a nasty little caper that follows convention as conventionally as possible. Tom (Dempsey) is a lady-killer, and Hannah (Monaghan) is the one woman he never quite seduces. Who becomes his best friend. And the one, he realizes, he has been in love with all along. Cue the impossibly wonderful Colin (Kevin McKidd), whom Hannah decides to marry. So she asks Tom to be her male maid of honor. You'll never — ever! — guess how this turns out. (DT)

NIM'S ISLAND (PG, 95 minutes) The plucky heroine at the center of this film is an 11-year-old girl named Nim (Abigail Breslin), who, since her mother died at sea, has lived with her scientist father, Jack (Gerard Butler). When Jack goes plankton hunting and leaves Nim behind, mayhem breaks loose. As luck would have it, her favorite author,

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the world explorer Alex Rover, e-mails her dad for research information, resulting in the world-famous writer making a trip to Fiji to come to Nim's aid. Jodie Foster comes in, and she gamely hits her mark. Kids will no doubt vicariously enjoy Nim's adventures and Edenic existence. And how refreshing to see a girl embark on derring-do that, in Nim's own words, makes her the hero of her own story. (AH)

PROM NIGHT (PG-13, 88 minutes) Though



LORD OF THE FLIES II: Will Poulter as a tiny, adorable warrior in "Son of Rambow."

PARAMOUNT VANTAGE

we can celebrate the substitution of suspense for gore in this remake of the 1980 film, this movie feels just plain dumb. The police are hilariously inept, and the way in which the teen victims wander off alone so the psychopath can get them is flat-footed, even for a slasher flick. High school senior Donna (Brittany Snow) still has nightmares about the home invasion and murder of her family, which she barely escaped. As she and her pals head off with their dates to the prom, the cop (Idris Elba) who caught the killer (Johnathon Schaech) learns that he has escaped. But does he warn Donna right away? Nooooo. Besides relatively stylized stabbings and throat-slittings, the movie contains sex-

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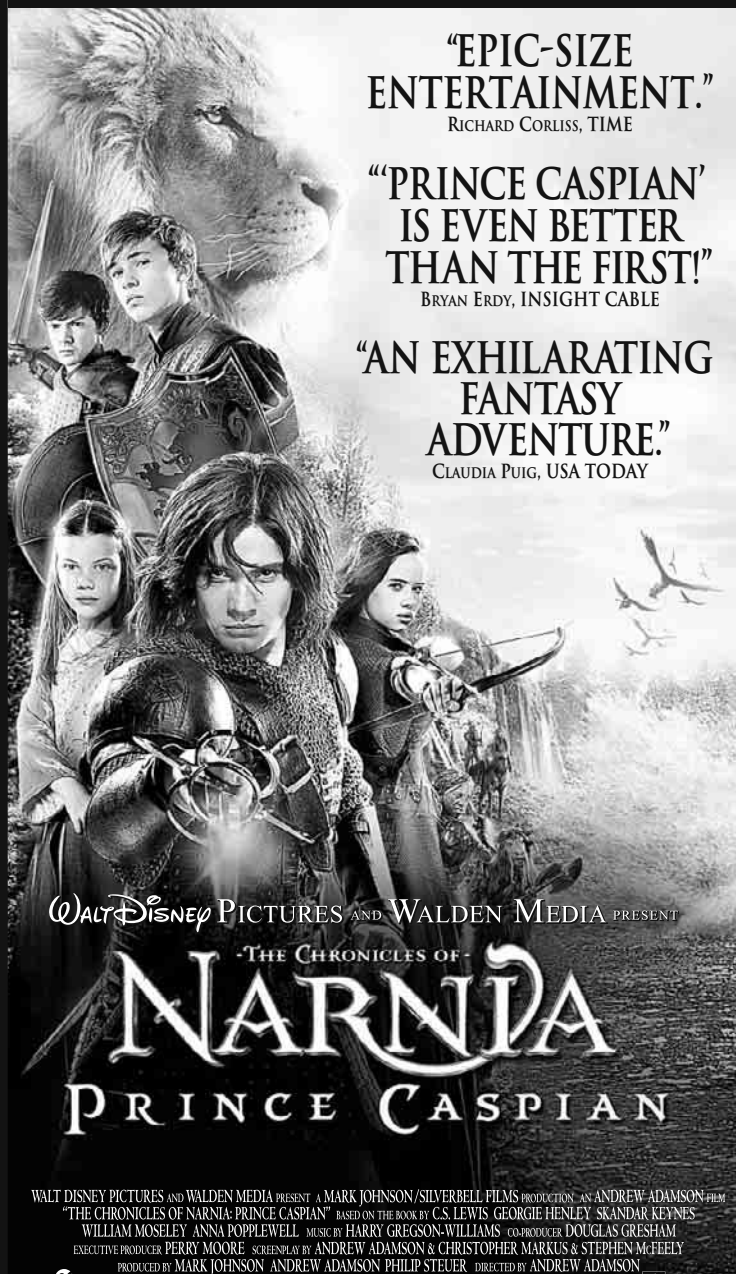
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ual innuendo, teen drinking and rare profanity. "Prom Night" is not for nightmare-prone teens. (JH)

REDBELT (R, 99 minutes) Mike (Chiwetel Ejiofor) runs a martial arts academy, specializing in teaching cops, soldiers and other professionals. He will not compete in the profitable world of televised Brazilian jujitsu even though he's related by marriage to the sport's reigning champion. He thinks competition, especially for TV money, desecrates the sanctity of his art. Mike is in a bar one night when a tough guy tries to take down a drunken movie star (Tim Allen). Mike jumps in. He's soon drawn into the orbit of the movies, and he encounters a whole new world of prosperity just in time, as he's discovering how little money there is in integrity. What is memorable is the film's portrait of a man of honor in a sleazy world, possibly a metaphor for the struggle of the artist to stay honorable in a world of backbiting, betrayal and hunger for easy money. (SH)

SON OF RAMBOW (PG-13, 96 minutes) This film dusts the clichés from the coming-of-age movie with its charming account of the growing friendship between two English boys in the early 1980s. The teens are Will (Bill Milner), a soft-spoken but plucky lad forbidden by his family's religious sect to watch television, and Lee (Will Poulter), a punky kid whose volatile family life causes him to act up at school. Thrown together by circumstance, they soon realize that their teamwork fills an emotional void in their



HIS KID WON THE SCIENCE FAIR: Robert Downey Jr. proves himself to be a blacksmith savant when he constructs a superhero suit the old-fashioned way in "Iron Man."

lives. They infuse this story with a crowd-pleasing combination of buoyant spirit and occasionally dark humor, as Will, Lee and a very eccentric French exchange student (Jules Sitruk) attempt to revisit Sylvester Stallone's one-dimensional machismo territory with the goofy earnestness of youth. We cringe and laugh at—and are ultimately moved by—their

clumsiness and innocence. (DT)

STREET KINGS (R, 107 minutes) The movie's moral relativity (that the dividing line between good cop and bad cop is a matter of inches) seems like a flimsy pretext for hard-core shock value: nasty violence, colorful cussing and multi-bullet executions. The big-name casting brings no honor, or even fun, to the hackneyed roles.

Forest Whitaker treats his clichéd cop commander as if he were a gravitas-laden lingo. Keanu Reeves's too-cool-to-emote approach keeps us eternally distanced. Cedric the Entertainer adds no special chuckles to his cop informer. And as a Machiavellian internal affairs officer, Hugh Laurie phones in the jaded, wiser-than-thou mannerisms of Dr.

Gregory House, his character on TV's popular "House." (DT)

THEN SHE FOUND ME (R, 100 minutes) April Epner (Helen Hunt) is a 39-year-old teacher whose biological clock is clouding her judgment: April is marrying Ben. Like anything done for the wrong reasons, there's an implicit doom hanging over

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the nuptials. And then ... the domestic effluence hits the rotary appliance: Mom dies. Ben leaves. And local TV celebrity Bernice Graves (Bette Midler), materializes to announce that she is April's biological mother. In the midst of this, Frank (Colin Firth), one of April's school dads, whose wife has abandoned him and their two children, starts lighting up April's life. The film suffers from, if anything, a lack of pure confidence in the story, the actors or the audience. But anyone going to see it won't need quite the number of clues as to how they're supposed to be feeling. They'll know. And a lot better, and a lot sooner, than April Epner. (JA)

21 (PG-13, 123 minutes) Micky Rosa (Kevin Spacey), MIT professor by day, gambling entrepreneur by night, who recruits six of his best and brightest students to fly to Sin City on weekends and cheat them-



DYSFUNCTIONAL RELATIONSHIP: Matthew Broderick and Helen Hunt make each other unhappy in "Then She Found Me."

selves rich. It's hard to throw them a high-five. Yes, Ben Campbell (Sturgess) is a sweet, lower-middle-class kid who has dreamed all his life of going from MIT to Harvard med and accepts Micky's invitation into the circle only to put himself through school. Unfortunately, this characterization feels too saintly, too schematic. The story may be based on real events, but most of it feels patently false. It's a would-be parable about greed that emptily celebrates it, a drama about gifted people who are one-dimensional voids and, most laughable of all, a story about the giddiness of risk-taking that safely plays everything by the numbers. (DT)

THE VISITOR (PG-13, 103 minutes) Richard Jenkins plays widowed economics professor Walter Vale, who reluctantly agrees to give a paper at NYU and, upon arriving at his Manhattan pied-a-terre, discovers that it has been illegally sublet to Tarek (Haaz Sleiman) and Zainab (Danai Gurira), both of whom are undocumented. After first throwing the couple

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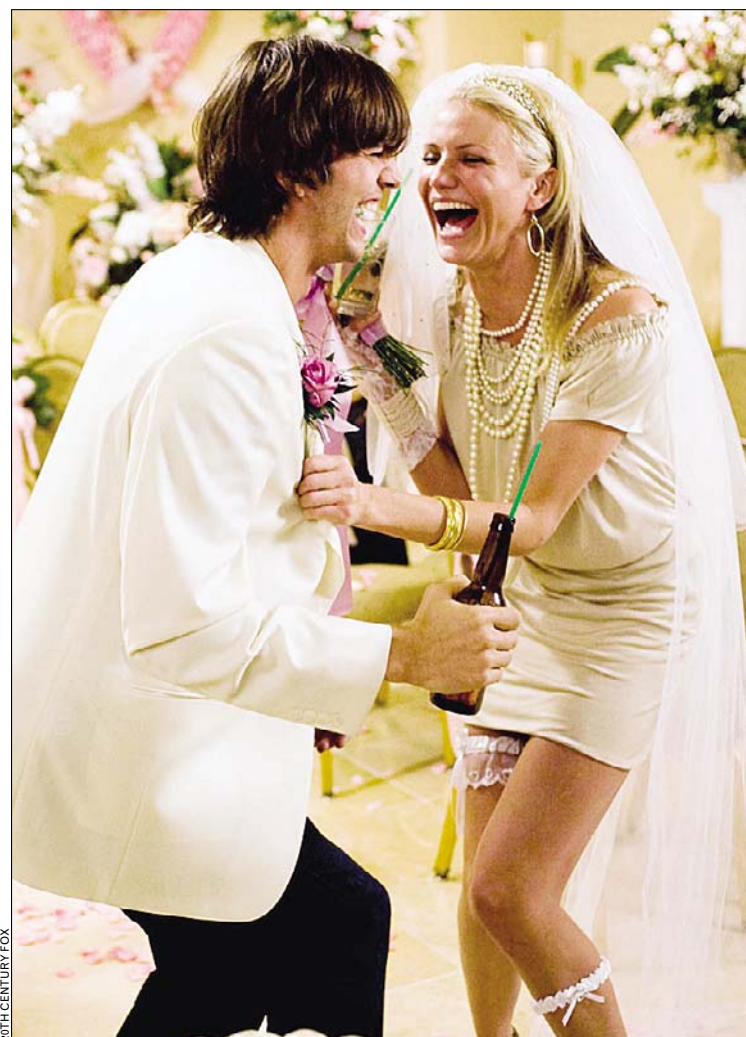
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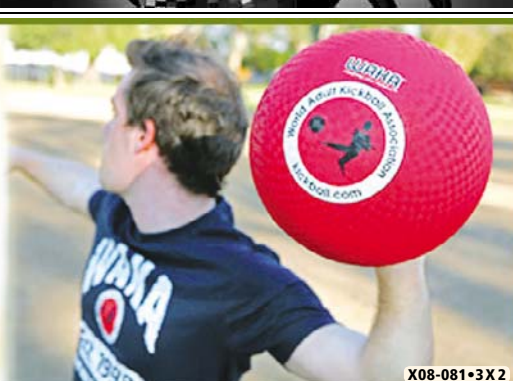
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out, Vale impulsively takes pity on them. What ensues is a remarkable friendship and, when Tarek's mother arrives, a budding romance. The film gives viewers a perceptive, deeply personal take on the timeless immigrant narrative, in which the most epic journey is finally one of self-discovery. (AH)

WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG-13, 99 minutes) Not that this film is any kind of great movie, but it's an exceedingly bright comedy that never makes you feel stupid for enjoying its brisk pacing, smart lines, sound construction and superb comic acting. Ashton Kutcher and Cameron Diaz have gone to Vegas for some healing. They meet one drunken evening and get married. Okay, time for quickie divorce, except she gives him a quarter, he feeds it into a slot machine and they win \$3 million. Who gets it? Each tries to get the whole pot, and an irritable judge (Dennis Miller) isn't satisfied they've tried hard enough, so he sentences them to live together for six months. The real pleasure in the film

comes from the two stars, both of whom put vanity and narcissism far behind and are pleased to let the movie deploy them as less than noble, less than capable, less than smart, less than selfless and less than beautiful and, therefore, more than human. (SH)

YOUNG@HEART (PG, 110 minutes) This film is a festival of good behavior, a little talent, a lot of work and a kind of commitment to the ideas that shows must go on, that individuals must sacrifice for the whole and that doing good is better, though harder, than talking good. It follows a choir of generally peppy septuagenarians from Northampton, Mass., through six weeks of practice, trial, tribulation and performance. The gimmick that has propelled the group to a small measure of fame is that they're rockers, rappers and punkers. Singing in the chorus gives meaning to life; living for the whole and not the self, the love of comrades of the same circumstance and situation, that's what keeps them alive. (SH)



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Fitness

24-hour gyms may be convenient, but some say they're not safe

With two small children and a business that requires face time with clients, Brian Eyster wants to work out when everyone else is going to sleep.

So, earlier this year, Eyster, 32, of Royal Oak, Mich., joined Anytime Fitness, a 24-hour franchise where gym members use a PIN or key card to get into an unstaffed gym.

"Someone like me, the only time that works for me is 10, 11 o'clock at night when the house is quiet and I know I can step out for an hour or so," says Eyster, a wealth strategist.

Watch out, mega health clubs. The 24-hour fitness center is one of the fastest-growing fitness franchises, billing itself as an alternative to oversized and overpriced health clubs. But the explosion has also raised concerns about whether people should be working out in a fitness facility unsupervised, especially late at night.

Anytime Fitness, which was founded in 2002 in Hastings, Minn., opens a new club each business day and is on target to have 1,000 clubs operating before the end of the year, says spokesman Mark Daly. Snap Fitness has 700 clubs open and another 800 sold, according to spokesman Patrick Strait. Revenues from last year were around \$18 million.

Members of these clubs with "absentee" owners are choosing convenience over frills. Eyster says he's not trying to win a body building contest. He has no use for spinning classes. And he doesn't want to beg the big guy in front of him to let him use the bench press in between his sets.

But the clubs have raised objec-

tions from fitness experts and even some state and local officials.

Earlier this year, two Anytime Fitness franchisees in St. Paul, Minn., were fined for violating an ordinance that requires an employer or manager qualified in First Aid and CPR to be on duty at all times a business is open. Anytime Fitness is working with the St. Paul mayor to change the ordinance, passed in the '80s to crack down on prostitution.

New York state law requires health clubs with more than 500 members to have present a defibrillator and an employee or volunteer who is certified to operate it and administer CPR during busi-

ness hours. In recent years, other states, such as Indiana and Arkansas, have made exemptions in their laws to allow key-card gyms outside of hotels and apartments.

Anytime Fitness clubs generally have a staff member present from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., says Daly. Snap Fitness clubs are staffed for only 15 to 24 hours per week, accord-

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LATE-NIGHT LIFT: Brian Eyster works out at an Anytime Fitness center in Madison Heights, Mich., that is open all night.

Round-the-Clock Workouts

"The only time that works for me is 10, 11 o'clock at night when the house is quiet."

BRIAN EYSTER,
ANYTIME FITNESS MEMBER

instruction on how to use a piece of equipment increase their risk of injury.

The clubs counter that their facilities are safe, with video surveillance cameras, panic buttons, 911 phones, defibrillators and "I've fallen and I can't get up!" lanyards.

"You are safer working out in an Anytime Fitness center than you are your own home," says Daly. "If you are alone in your basement, get short of breath, drop a weight on yourself, you don't have access to a panic button on the wall."

Key-card fitness clubs tout their convenience and affordability as their main attraction.

For people like Jeremy Bowen, who works a swing shift at a steel plant and has three children, such clubs are a refreshing option. Bowen, 37, of Greenville, Ind., and his wife, a registered nurse, never worked out until an Anytime Fitness opened near them.

"If we were going to start any consistent exercise, we had to have something that was there when we needed it," he says. MEGAN K. SCOTT (AP)



The Anytime Fitness franchise, which operates 24-hour gyms across the country, opens a new club each business day.


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MUSIC

Byte Cathedral

Danish band Efterklang's songs are only marginally folk-inspired and aren't exactly pop, but they have a spiritual quality to them — as people at the Rock and Roll Hotel will find out on Saturday. Band leader Casper Clausen talked to Johnathan Rickman about Efterklang's cathedral of sound. | [ONLINE NOW](#)



FILM

Names of the Dead

Oscar winner Errol Morris' new documentary, "Standard Operating Procedure," revisits the events at Abu Ghraib up to the publication of the photographs depicting torture there. But the film, which opens Friday, also tells a broader story. Morris spoke with Chris Mincher. | [ONLINE NOW](#)

ENTERTAINMENT

Allusions of Grandeur

Three Silver Mt. Zion Memorial Orchestra & Tra-La-La Band have been identified as anarchists and post-rock heroes, but singer Efrim Menuck told Tim Follos that one of those characterizations is false. The group plays at the Black Cat on Friday. | [ONLINE NOW](#)



comment board

“I think it is deplorable that we are now having to pay extra for those things that have historically been intrinsic to airline service.”

COMMENTER BRI COOLEY, WHO ADDED, “NEXT, WE WILL BE PAYING TO SIT IN THE WAITING AREAS AND USE THE BATHROOM ON THE PLANE.”

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COMMENTER H.B., WHO ADDED, “HAVE YOU SEEN THE AMOUNT OF CRAP PEOPLE TRAVEL WITH? FRANKLY, I'M HAPPY ABOUT IT.”



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Blog LOG

“The only thing worse than dating in D.C. is listening to people complain about dating in D.C.”

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DEFAMER.COM IS GIDDY OVER THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE TWO STARS OF THE '90S COULD BE AN ITEM, ADDING, “BOTH OF THESE LOVABLE NE'ER-DO-WELLS HAVE BEEN DOWN ON THEIR LUCK.”



“IF I SUGGESTED YOU GO to the beach and swim on the Thanksgiving holiday, you'd think I had lost it. Well, the ocean is actually warmer on Thanksgiving Day than it is on Memorial Day.”

WUSA9.COM/NEWS/COLUMNIST/BLOGS, TV WEATHERMAN TOPPER SHUTT'S BLOG, POINTS OUT THAT THE OCEAN WATER IS WARMER LATER IN THE YEAR THAN IT IS IN MAY.

“THE WOMEN'S RESTROOM at work has completely self-contained stalls [and] motion-sensor lights. This is a bad combination, as I [figured] out when I was sitting in one of the stalls and the lights no longer detected me. So, I found myself in a tiny compartment in the pitch dark.”

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Discussions

Home Decor Tips

ANNIE GROER of the Washington Post's Home staff was online Thursday and gave advice about window blinds, rugs, front doors and more.

I am buying a brand-new home and want to install wood or faux-wood window blinds. I plan to use Home Depot and its measuring services. Is this a good idea? Also, are wood blinds hard to maintain?

Do some price comparisons — Home Depot, Lowe's, Next Day Blinds, etc. Your budget will deter-

mine whether you use faux or real wood. As for cleaning, a microfiber duster or cloth should do the trick. And, yes, have them measured by the company. If they screw it up, they have to fix it. If you mismeasure, you're stuck.

I just got a new wool rug for my living room. The store recommended getting a rug pad, but seeing as it's a pretty thick rug, it doesn't need the padding, and because it's anchored under a sofa, it doesn't need non-slip help. So, is there something else a rug pad is good for?

With smaller rugs, pads do prevent slipping. For flat-weaves, a pad can extend the rug's life. If the backing of the rug is coarse, like a burlap or

jute, it could scratch hardwood over time if there is heavy traffic.

Can you recommend a front-door color for a 1920s yellow brick row house?

Check out Duron's Midnight Blue. Very fine color.

Concerning “focal point”: Does a room have to have one? Can it have more than one?

A room should have a focal point — it could be as simple as a window with a great view.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Post film critic Desson Thomson discusses the latest Hollywood and indie movie offerings at 12:30 p.m. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

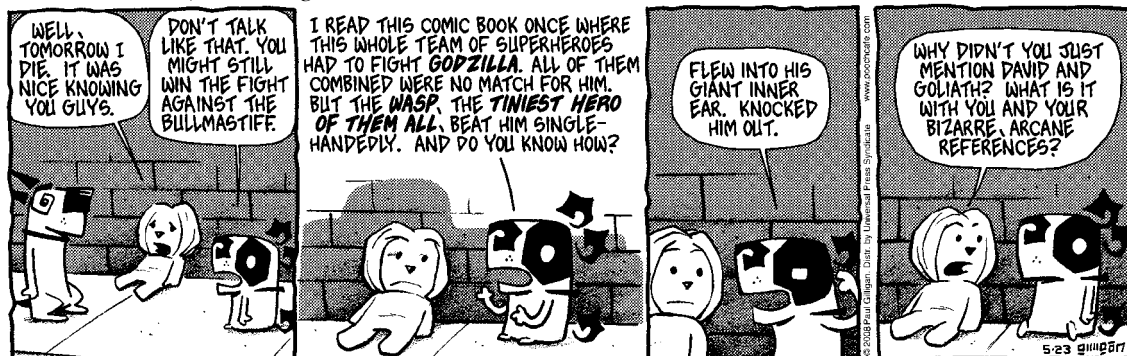
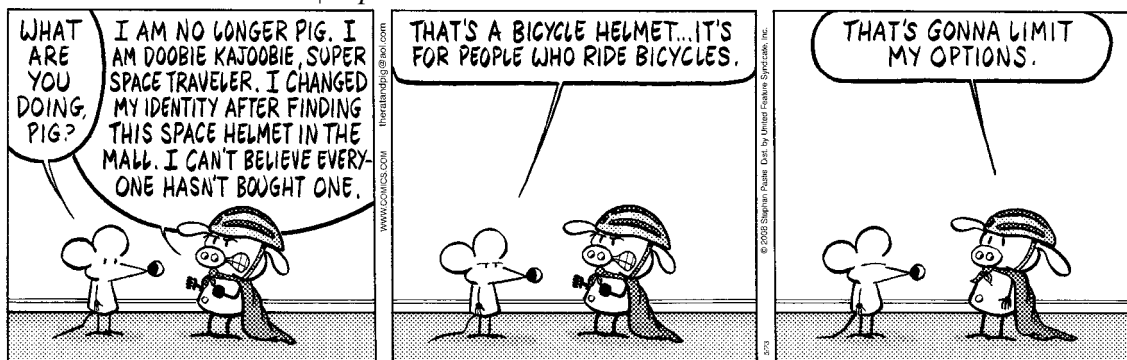
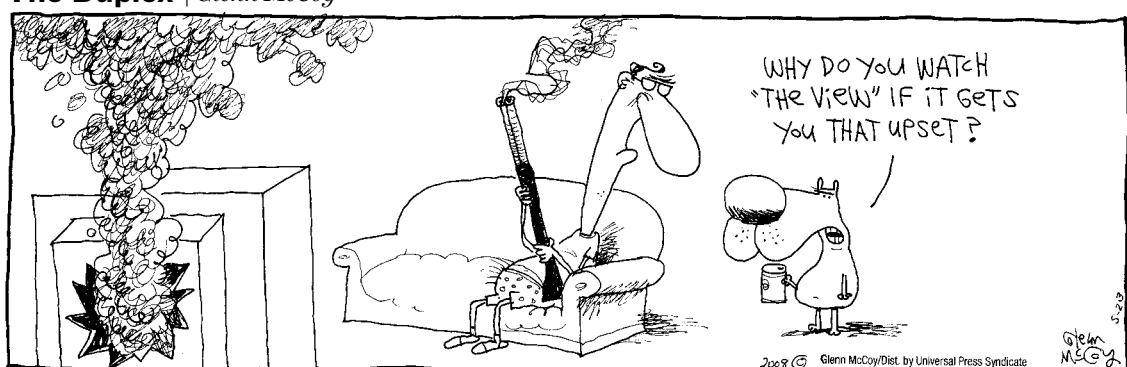
DON'T

WORRY ABOUT GETTING STUCK IN A TRAIN STATION. Metro is creating emergency evacuation maps for each of its stations. Officials say the maps will help riders find alternate bus or rail routes in the event of an evacuation or lengthy service disruption.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro

Cornered | Mike Baldwin


Never argue with the mime.

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan

Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy


Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your work may take you far from home. Try to stay in touch with those who are managing things on the home front in your stead.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't let anyone tell you that you don't know how to do your job. You can prove to one and all that you are one of the best at what you do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You can get ahead of the game if you get an early start. Later in the day, you may choose to change gears and shift your focus to something else.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't leave any of the details to anyone else. It's essential that you remain in control at all times, tallying facts and figures yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may discover a way to make more money than usual — and those around you will be impressed by your energy and your ingenuity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may need to have someone explain something to you

more than once — just to make sure that you understand all the factors at work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) An old friend appears from out of nowhere to participate in something you've been looking forward to for a while. It'll be even more fun.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'll find that others can be quite hospitable — provided you do not try to step into anyone else's shoes prematurely. Follow the rules.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Organization can work wonders. Be sure that you have all the information you need before you get started, however.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may run into one or more distractions, but if you keep your mind on your work, you should avoid any serious slowdowns.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) What begins as a routine day may become, quite suddenly, a day requiring unusual instinct and a willingness to wing it on a few occasions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do your best to keep things in order throughout the day. There may be those who are trying, perhaps unconsciously, to undermine you. Be warned.



Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker were killed during a police ambush in 1934.

Today in History

1430 Joan of Arc is captured by the Burgundians, who later sell her to the English.

1533 The marriage of England's King Henry VIII to Catherine of Aragon is declared null and void.

1934 Bank robbers Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker are fatally shot in a police ambush in Bienville Parish, La.

1977 The U.S. Supreme Court refuses to hear the appeals of former Nixon White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman, and former attorney general John N. Mitchell in connection with their Watergate convictions.

1998 Official returns show two convincing "yes" votes for the Northern Ireland peace accord: a surprisingly strong 71.1 percent in British-linked Northern Ireland and 94.4 percent in the Republic of Ireland.

LOOK

out

People



Ben to Jen: "Look, honey—ugly people."

CHEAP SHOTS

Stay-at-Home Dad Thrilled To Get Out of the House

JENNIFER GARNER and **BEN AFFLECK** have signed up to help raise money for an athletic complex in her hometown in West Virginia. University of Charleston President Ed Welch says the pair will serve as honorary hosts at a Sept. 19 fundraiser. (AP)

REHAB

Phish Dude Had Good Excuse for Doing Nothing



TREY ANASTASIO received a reduced sentence of three years' probation for a drug conviction after he successfully completed a counseling and treatment program begun in April 2007. (AP)



CHILDBIRTH

Midwives Disagree

MADONNA says criticism of her adoption of a Malawian boy hurt so much, she compared it to giving birth. "It was painful, and it was a big struggle, and I didn't understand it," she said at the Cannes Film Festival on Thursday, where her documentary, "I Am Because We Are"—which shows poverty, AIDS and other diseases devastating Malawi's children—was being shown. (AP)



DULL
Civilized Conversation Causes Mass Channel Changing

John McCain says same-sex couples should be allowed to enter into legal agreements for insurance and other purposes, but he opposes gay marriage. "And I know that we have a respectful disagreement on that issue," he said in an interview on "The **ELLEN DEGENERES**

People wanted hair-pulling, not discussion.

NERES Show."

DeGeneres, who recently announced her engagement to Portia de Rossi, needled McCain on the issue. "We are all the same people, all of us," she said. McCain said he's heard her "articulate that position in a very eloquent fashion. We just have a disagreement." (AP)

CONFUSED

Brain Cells for Processing Awards Perished Long Ago

AMY WINEHOUSE has won a prestigious songwriting award for "Love Is a Losing Game" from her "Back to Black" album. The song won the Ivor Novello award for best song musically and lyrically at a ceremony in



London on Thursday. Her father, Mitch Winehouse, accepted the award after the 24-year-old singer-songwriter arrived too late to collect it in person. (AP)

UNFLATTERING

Brief Item Excuse to Show Jowly Courtroom Drawing

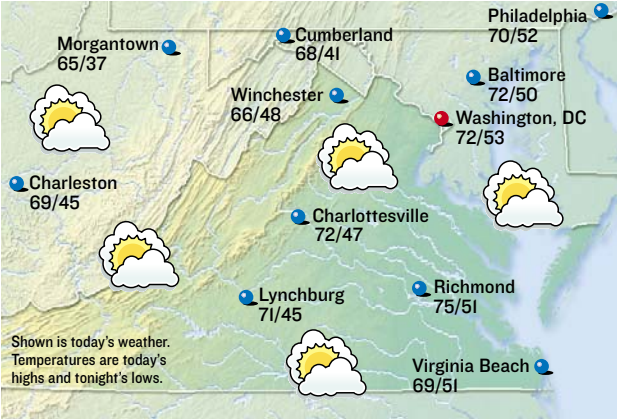
A college student testified in **R. KELLY**'s child pornography trial in Chicago Thursday that she recognized both the female in a graphic sex tape and the R&B singer, saying the female was a minor when the video was made. (AP)



5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
72°	53°	71° / 51°	75° / 58°	81° / 66°	86° / 64°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.
Temperature
High 70°
Low 51°
Normal high 77°
Normal low 58°
Average humidity 42%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. Trace
Month to date 9.21"
Normal month to date 2.71"
Year to date 22.47"
Last year to date 13.49"
Normal year to date 15.03"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see:
washingtonpost.com/weather

Regional Forecast

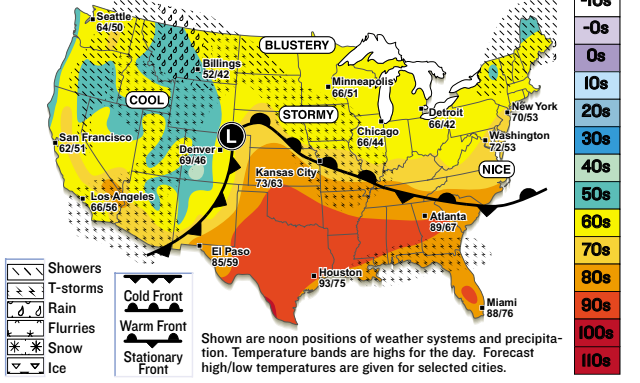
D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, breezy. High 72. Wind northwest 10-20 mph. Tonight, mostly clear, cool. Low 53. Wind northwest 6-12 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 5:49 a.m.
Sunset tonight 8:21 p.m.
Moonrise today 11:48 p.m.
Moonset today 8:13 a.m.



National Weather for Friday, May 23



National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	Hi/Low/W 89/67/t	86/61/t
Boston	66/51/sh	67/50/s
Chicago	66/44/pc	71/51/s
Dallas	93/76/pc	94/73/t
Denver	69/46/c	74/47/c
Honolulu	84/73/s	88/73/s
Los Angeles	66/56/pc	70/56/pc
Miami	88/76/t	89/72/t
New York City	70/53/pc	71/53/s
Orlando	88/71/t	88/69/t
Seattle	64/50/s	72/52/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Amsterdam	Hi/Low/W 72/50/pc	70/48/pc
Athens	81/64/s	81/65/s
Berlin	64/48/c	70/49/pc
Buenos Aires	70/52/sh	63/45/s
Calgary	56/42/r	52/44/r
Dublin	61/50/sh	59/46/pc
Geneva	74/56/sh	72/57/t
Moscow	57/45/sh	54/41/r
Rome	73/57/sh	75/61/pc
Sydney	64/50/s	63/50/pc
Tokyo	77/63/s	70/61/r

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

ACROSS

33 Florentine dialect
36 Unit of energy
37 Blowhard
39 It gets under your collar
40 Composer Gustav
42 Be bedridden
43 Big gobblers
44 Jamestown crop
46 Pop
47 Television
screening device
49 School
assignment
51 Historic
toolmaking period
53 Vexation
54 One paid to do a
balancing act, briefly
57 Five centimes
58 Uninvited guest
61 Assn. launched in
Bogota
62 Rogers' partner
63 Hopscotch
player's buy
64 Numbered hwy.
65 Convey
66 Talks up

DOWN

1 Second-yr. student
2 A little of this, a
3 little of that
4 About to be picked
5 "All About ____"
6 Confidential matter
7 Irish or Baltic
8 Retire (with "up")
9 Consumer
10 Hardwood floor
11 enhancer
12 Damage control
13 expert
14 Variety show
15 Ramp alternative
16 Specialized
17 vocabulary list
18 Directed
19 Good sense
20 Jazzy Torne
21 Cameron of "Full
22 House"
23 Romantic duo
24 "SNL" alumna
25 Dunn
26 Seafarer's beacon
27 Etc. cousin
28 Actress Sorvino
29 Prepares to shoot
30 Home out on a

limb
37 Surfing locales
38 True-story films
41 Tender cut
43 The Boy King
45 King Minos, for
one
46 Contract violation
47 Glare deterrent
48 One-time
Yugoslavian

50 Boston hockey
legend
52 Collapsed under
pressure
54 Fleet Street fellow
55 World Cup legend
from Brazil
56 Vessels also
called broad-horns
59 Terminate
60 Timid

Yesterday's Solution

1	S	M	A	S	H		6	O	T	H	S		10	T	H		13	
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17	I	G	N	I	S		18	D	U	P	E		19	E	L	L	A	
20	N	O	U	N		21	R	H	E	A		22	F	E	T	I	D	
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31	R	32	I	D	E					34	W	A	R		35	N	I	A
36	S	T	E	P	S		37	O	N	O	N	E		38	S	40	T	O
39	V	O	N				42	A	O	K			43	K	I	N	D	S
44	P	O	S															
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					49	A	C	H	I	L	L	E	S		51	E	52	E
54	A	55	S	O	N	E		57	G	L	O	B		58	T	A	C	O
59	S	O	O	N			60	G	N	A	W		61	B	E	R	L	E
62	H	A	O	Z	E		63	P	O	M	E		64	A	N	N	A	S
65	E	K	E	D			66	A	F	A	R		67	A	S	S	T	S

EDITED BY TIMOTHY E. PARKER

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64				65						66				

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

Last Week's Solution

1	3	4		2	7	9		8	6	5								3	6	5		2	7	1	4	8	9
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Yesterday's Solution

1	4	8	2	5	3	7	9	6
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3	2	5	9	7	6	4	1	8
6	1	3	5	2	8	9	7	4
9	8	2	7	6	4	5	3	1
4	5	7	1	3	9	6	8	2
2	6	1	3	9	7	8	4	5
8	7	4	6	1	5	3	2	9
5	3	9	8	4	2	1	6	7

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

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World View



face^{QA}time

■ **A beaded jacket here,** a full-skirted frock there — New York's Nanette Lepore puts the glam in girly clothing. The designer, known for gypsy-ish prints and curve-flattering suits, opens her first D.C.-area outpost this weekend in a Chevy Chase space bedecked with chandeliers and — what else? — femme pink tiles. (5449 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 301-657-1515)

Why is D.C. a good spot for a Nanette Lepore boutique?

There are so many professional women here. I have this idea that there's a cocktail party every night of the week here.

What's the store's decor like?

It should feel like an old-fashioned powder room from the 1950s, but with a modern, Baroque sensibility. It's very plushy and pink.

What influences are showing up in your clothes these days?

I'm liking more womanly, draped cocktail dresses with a '50s or '60s feel. Lately, I've been channeling Liz Taylor. She's so fabulously sexy, especially during the era when they were all poured into dresses and it was all about the bustline.

Women with boobs and hips love your stuff. Why?

I don't make loose or lumpy clothes. I spend a lot of time fitting to women's curves. If something makes my model's chest look too big, I'll try to minimize that. It's about giving women a feeling that they're showing their best features or camouflaging the things they want to hide.

You love to travel. Does that inspire your work?

Definitely, though I end up going back to the same places — Italy, Mystique. But I want to go to Machu Picchu. I'm staring at a Mayan print right now, and, clearly, I need to open up my horizons!

What's your favorite thing to design?

I have a lot of fun with our resort



Nanette Lepore

FASHION DESIGNER, CURTAIN HATER

line. Since it comes between seasons, you're not under pressure to put it on the runway, so you just have to make it desirable and fun.

And what would you never want your name on?

There are a lot of things I'd like to design — bathing suits, lingerie or uniforms. There are so many things I'd like to put my hand to. But I

can't stand curtains, so I wouldn't do them.

You're having your own house redone right now. What's it looking like?

Jonathan Adler is doing it, and it's been fun. It's very manor-like, with paintings everywhere. But it's got a nice, quirky feel to it. And we did a den that's all dark wood paneling.

“There are a lot of things I'd like to design — bathing suits, lingerie or uniforms.”

Any prized possessions there?

I made my husband buy me a pair of Murano glass sculpted ladies from the 1930s. They're milky white with beautiful draped red gowns.

That doesn't sound terribly girly.

Well, I have a girly dressing room, full of stuff like Victorian boxes, little figurines, a mirrored dresser and a leopard chair.

What outfits do you emerge in?

It's a giant dressing room, so I have things arranged in themes — Bohemian blouses, printed dresses. Right now, I'm wearing an anchor dress we did for resort, a vintage bracelet and another designer's boots. I have fun mixing it up.

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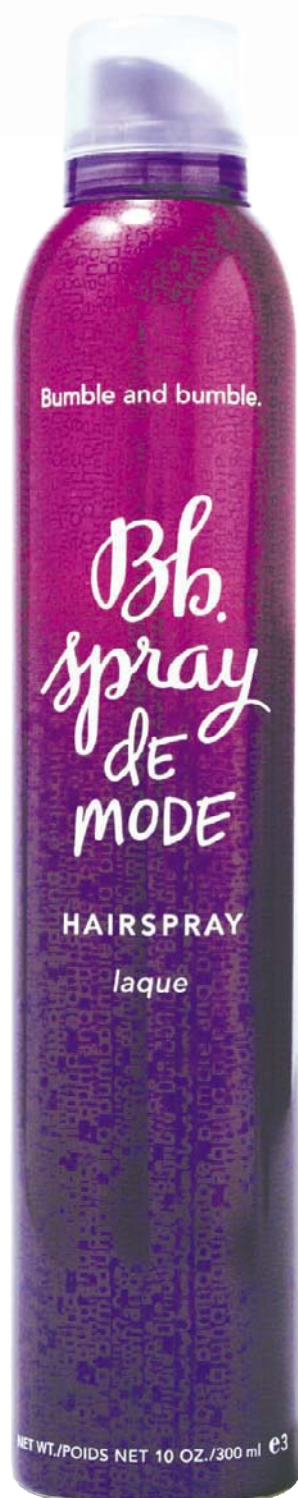
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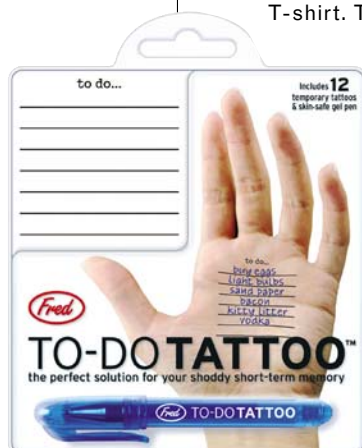
Bumble & Bumble's Spray de Mode hair spray (\$10-\$24, see Bumbleandbumble.com for stores) offers extremely flexible hold not at all reminiscent of shellac.

The superfine mist contains silicone and "special polymers" that keep hair secure, yet touchably soft. Updos stayed surprisingly tidy without being stiff. But beware curls—straight hair went slack even before the D.C. humidity kicked in.



Put a Hex On You

HEXAGONS OF LASER-CUT ACRYLIC, somehow both 1980s and Art Deco in feel, meet on Of Substance's dramatic bib necklaces (\$143, Ravinstyle.com). Designer Abigail Seligsohn's edgy neck candy—also available in black and white—adds a futuristic twist to a simple dress or a touch of Debbie Harry to a striped T-shirt. This piece, says Seligsohn, was inspired by beehives and hexagonal patterns on manhole covers.



Decal Your Doings

A SMUDGY SCRAWL of reminders an inch or so below the thumb: That's the sign of a compulsive hand-writer. If you're going to risk ink poisoning because you won't buy an appointment book, that's your business. But at least be neat about it. To-Do Tattoos (\$3.50 for 12, Amazon.com) make your palm into a tidy little list. And when you tell paparazzi to talk to the hand, everyone will see how industrious you are.



2 Pick a Peck Of Poppers

LOWLY JALAPENO POPPERS, staple of badly lit sports bars, have finally entered the foodie fray, thanks to Williams-Sonoma's new roaster (\$20, Williams-sonoma.com). Make your own fiery treats by stuffing peppers with something besides Cheese Whiz—say, goat cheese or stinky Brie—then plopping the contraption on a hot grill. If your frat boy neighbors come by seeking snacks, don't blame us.



dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

I need a fun, inexpensive shoe for my boring yet significant high school graduation ceremony. — JESSICA

■ Manolo says, ayyyy! Congratulations to the Manolo's young friend on her academic accomplishments and the impending transformation into the quasi-adult state. One day you are worrying about your calculus final, and the next you are worrying about your summer job as the camp counselor, where you will meet the older "dude" who rides the motorcycle, rolls his own cigarettes and knows how to dance the



Lambada. Sadly, or perhaps fortuitously, given your friend's long-term career prospects as the short-order cook, this romance will be transitory, as come September it is off to college, where you will encounter the yard-long beer bong, Lit Crit and roommates who are enthusiastic participants in the culture of "hooking up." By the middle of November, you are back to worrying about finals, although, happily, your study partner is the tall, blond squash player, on whom you have the small crush, even if he is so WASPy that his lips do not actually move when he speaks. Look, here is the Baby from Franco Sarto (\$93, Zappos.com)!

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4 Frame Game

ALEX & CHLOE, makers of bizarre hipster jewelry—like a pink Lucite portrait of Kate Moss—want to gaze into your eyes. Their new sunglasses collection sports oversize frames, bold colors and classic cuts. And they have hidden depths: The Cape Town design (shown, \$190, Alexandchloe.com) reads "Oui, il est vraiment moi" ("Yes, it is really me") on the inner temple.

ON THE COVER

Jamia wears an Amanda Uprichard dress (\$194) and belt (\$147.50, Cusp Tysons Corner Center); earrings (\$10, vendor at K Street and Connecticut Avenue NW); and necklace (\$185) and bangles (\$35-\$75, 212-685-1248) by RJ Graziano. Model, T.H.E. Artist Agency. Hair and makeup by Kim Steele, T.H.E. Artist Agency. Photos by Marge Ely.

Thong Numbers

It's not really summer until you feel the sand – and the sandals – between your toes. The quintessential Memorial Day-to-Labor Day footwear, thongs are the go-to beach shoe for vacationers from Dewey to the Dominican Republic. (And the unfortunate footwear choice of unprofessional new interns.) But feet that have been in storage for the winter need a little prep, so break out the pumice and polish before flip-flopping onto the boardwalk. MAURA JUDKIS

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▼ Michael Kors' fishy flip-flops have scales of faux tortoiseshell. Don't tell the tortoises, though. (\$245, Sassanova, 1641 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-471-4400)



▶ Amy-Jo's jelly thongs are not as they appear. The clever trompe l'oeil "wood" soles are actually cushy, supportive foam. (\$22, ShoeFly)

▼ Folded like origami, Eileen Shields' shiny slides are versatile enough to go from poolside to a summer beach wedding. (\$295, Shopbop.com)



▶ Moschino's flattened espadrilles buckle up a flash of colorful, draped leather. They're ready for a hot date with a seer-sucker skirt. (\$280, Shopbop.com)



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It's Hammer Time

How a man and his clan resurrected their home

Many people cruise past dilapidated old Victorians or ramshackle Colonials and think, "Eeek — a haunted house!" To others, a pile of crumbling bricks and sagging porch columns sparks Bob Vila-esque dreams, notions like, "I could buy that cheaply and fix it up."

That's exactly what David Giffels and his wife, Gina, did 12 years ago, snagging a tumbling-down, about-to-be-condemned 1913 Tudor in Akron, Ohio, for just \$65,000. There were mammoth holes in the roof, a raccoon in the rafters and no working plumbing. But Giffels persevered, trekking into the wreckage, and — and after much hammering, plastering, painting and sweat — revived a piece of Rust Belt history, in the process learning a lot about himself and his loved ones. He chronicles his quest in "All the Way Home: Building a Family in a Falling-Down House" (\$26, William Morrow). We chatted with him about the experience.

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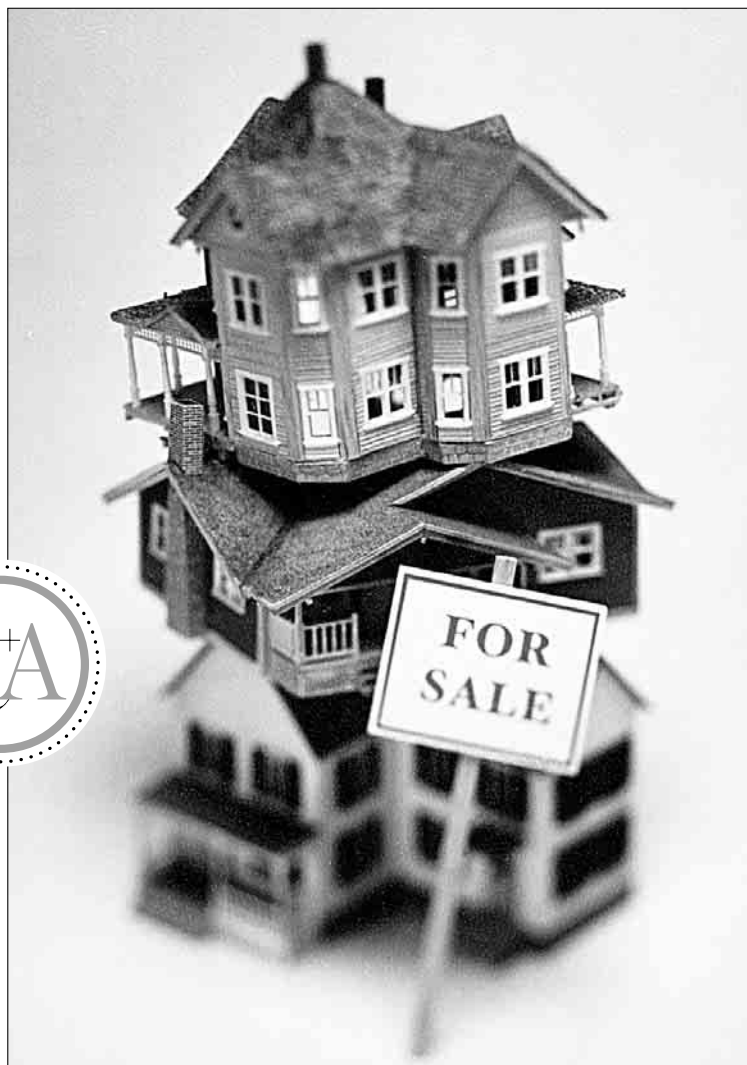


How did buying a house change your life?

It changed the way that free time was spent. It meant what we did as a family [Giffels and his wife have two children], especially in the early years, were things like wallpapering or painting.

What was the most daunting thing at the beginning?

It's hard to say. I walked into the house, and it was so completely chaotic that it had no context. There were holes in the roof 3 feet across, there was a wisteria vine growing freely across the attic, and water literally ran through the house when it rained. The most daunting thing was to get



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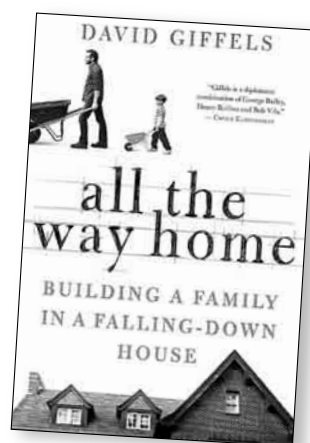
one corner where you could be in and see your way forward.

And wasn't there still someone in the home before you bought it?

Yes, Mrs. Radner, who had lived there with her husband. He died in 1965, and it slowly decayed around her. She remained here in this kind of "Grey Gardens" setting, moving from one room to another as the rain started coming in. It struck me as really sad, like she was a Tennessee Williams character who saw the house as it once had been, not what it had become.

Do homeowners have a responsibility to make sure their houses don't become wrecks like that?

Yeah. I came to see myself as the next generation of caretaker. That's the worst thing about this country — we tear things down when they seem to be obsolete.



How did you learn the kind of DIY skills you needed to do this?

I was the kind of kid who was always interested in woodworking, and my dad was always doing projects. But coming into it, I thought: "Whatever I don't know, I can learn." It's like that Mark Twain quote, "With ignorance

and arrogance, success is assured." I had both of those in equal measure.

Early in the book, you lose your hammer, and you're really bereft. Why do people form such strong bonds with their tools?

"I came to see myself as the [home's] next generation of caretaker."

There are people who collect old tools, because of the whole idea of the years of human erosion on the handle of a hammer — it's evocative. And when it's your own tool — it's like a cowboy and his horse. Anything that's directly connected to what you do has a value that's not just sentimental.

Which tool came in the handiest during the renovations?

A big, powerful shop vacuum. It could pick up the mess of a project, which you wouldn't think was that important. But when you are working in the chaos of the mess you've created, everything can fall apart. A shop vac can at least get things cleaned.

Which rehab tasks did you get the most pleasure from?

Certain things are kind of high-craft, like plasterwork. So, whenever I had to re-create some other craftsman's very fine work, I knew I didn't do it very well. But there's this idea that a set of artist's hands had been the last to do that work. It made me almost feel like an apprentice.

House renovations often break couples up, but this one seemed to strengthen your marriage. Why?

In a lot of ways, we didn't know what we were getting into. But we both knew we couldn't live in a house this grand unless we'd taken on one like this. We realized this was a highly idealized, romantic thing to do. It made our lives more adventurous.

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D.C. Designers Dream in Color

■ Orange and yellow stripes, as bright as a Cirque du Soleil set and just about as overwhelming, greet visitors at the Washington Design Center's new spring design house (300 D St. SW; DCdesigncenter.com). They cover the walls of Camille Saum's rather gaudy entryway, one of nine rooms duded up by local designers and open to the public through June 28. Unified around the theme "What Hue Inspires You?," the spaces give a variety of answers about how to use — or not use — colors in your pad.

Like Hollywood starlets who know a bright frock gets more red-carpet attention than a black one, some rooms use dramatic shades to gain great effect. Matt Swingly's pumpkin orange-walled foyer cozily weaves dark woods, fall-like colors and black-and-white photos. In David Herchik's superhero-ish living room, pillows decorated with bright, vampish red lips punch up a steely gray sofa. Apple-green walls set off a white cowhide carpet and muted contemporary paintings within Cristina DePina's library.

Still, a few of the designers seem to have not gotten the memo that this was supposed to be about vibrant hues. A spa bathroom in creams, ivories and not much else smacks of boring boutique hotel. And as far as we know, white isn't a color, right? J.B.



Apartment Zero's annual Super Sample Sale promises 50 to 70 percent off swag from sofas to place mats. (May 28-June 1, 406 7th St. NW; 202-628-4067; Apartmentzero.com)

↓ **TRADITIONAL** printed linen becomes a chic city dress by Hurley. Bring out the green with coordinating espadrilles. (\$52, Hsssurf.com)



→ **PRINTS CHARMING:** Dress, \$495, Nicole Miller, Tysons Galleria, 703-821-1630; shoes, \$245, Theory, Cusp; headband, \$24, Free People; earrings, \$4.90, H&M; beaded bangles, \$5 each, street vendor at K Street and Connecticut Avenue NW; wooden/straw bangles, RJ Graziano, \$35-\$75, 212-685-1248.



↑ **PEACOCK'S LOVE** to show off, and you'll want to do the same in these Fendi show-stoppers, inspired by our vain feathered friends. (\$540, eLuxury.com)



Upward Globe-ility

Designers have gone native. Inspired by African tribes, Aztec art and indigenous garb, even classic style-makers like Diane von Furstenberg are walking on the wild side. Vibrant color combos, eclectic prints and earthy embellishments define the trend; modified caftans, tunic blouses and broomstick skirts abound. "With everything going on in the world, I think people are just more aware of different styles and cultures," says Sara Familie of Nicole Miller at Tysons Galleria. "Places like China, Africa and the Middle East are definitely influencing fashion today." **ASHLEY JOY PARKER**

→ **ANIMAL PRINTS** aren't the only path to primal. Tea Bags' jersey top gets there via patchwork leather. (\$206, Cusp, Tysons Corner Center; 703-288-1940)



↑ **SKINNY BLACK CAPRIS** or shorts are what it takes to pull off this daring Diane von Furstenberg design, but don't be afraid to add some funky, colorful jewelry. (\$185, Cusp)

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ORE AUTHENTIC African accessories—like this wood-estunner—from the street the corner of K Street and cut Avenue NW. (\$20)



EASY AND BREEZY it doesn't get much more summery than a lightweight tunic top. It's a global dressing necessity. (\$48, Macy's)

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ZEBRA ZING: Tibi's silk and cotton safari-style tunic would be easy to throw over a pair of cropped jeans. (\$162, Net-a-porter.com)



LABEL-MAD PURSES are out. Covet Free People's boho back-pack instead. (\$98, Free People, 2700 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington; 703-528-6718)

THIS SASSY SACHEL—in a vivid, brush-stroke print—is roomy enough to double as your beach bag this summer. (\$19.90, H&M)



TORY BURCH is skilled at mixing classic shapes with exotic details, and here's more evidence: This blouse's girly ruffle and earthy embroidery. (\$245, Cusp)



A LITTLE BIT GYPSY and a lot hippie, let this full broomstick skirt speak for itself—pair it with a super-simple black cami and understated sandals. (\$49.90, H&M)



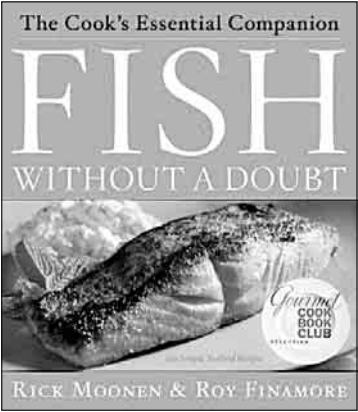
BRIGHTER'S BETTER when it comes to Fire's ostentatious mini-tunic dress. So, keep your kicks neutral—perhaps pewter gladiator flats. (\$38, Firela.com)

STIQUE'S with a flow- dress in an eye-pop- de and ready sand (\$90, e.com)



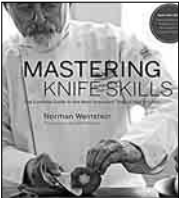
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BOOKS
Trout Without Doubt
■ The phrase “fish, without a doubt” sounds like a rather rude comment about the odor of someone’s home. But if said smell came from one of the recipes in **FISH WITHOUT A DOUBT** (by Rick Moonen and Roy Finamore, \$35, Houghton Mifflin), it wouldn’t be unpleasant. Those with weak stomachs should skip the book’s opener, which covers filleting fish, deveining shrimp and cleaning squid; leave that to your fishmonger. Just explore both the exotic (ceviche, raw fish “cooked” by the acid of citrus fruits) and the humble (homemade fish fingers). Add a subdued side—wilted cabbage, cucumber salad—and you have a fine meal. Sans doubt.
HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

BOOKS
Knife Lessons
■ Books that come with DVDs are awesome. And if those DVDs are about knives, they’re even more awesome. **MASTERING KNIFE SKILLS: THE ESSENTIAL GUIDE TO THE MOST IMPORTANT TOOLS IN YOUR KITCHEN** (by Norman Weinstein, \$35, Stewart Tabori & Chang) is especially valuable to those

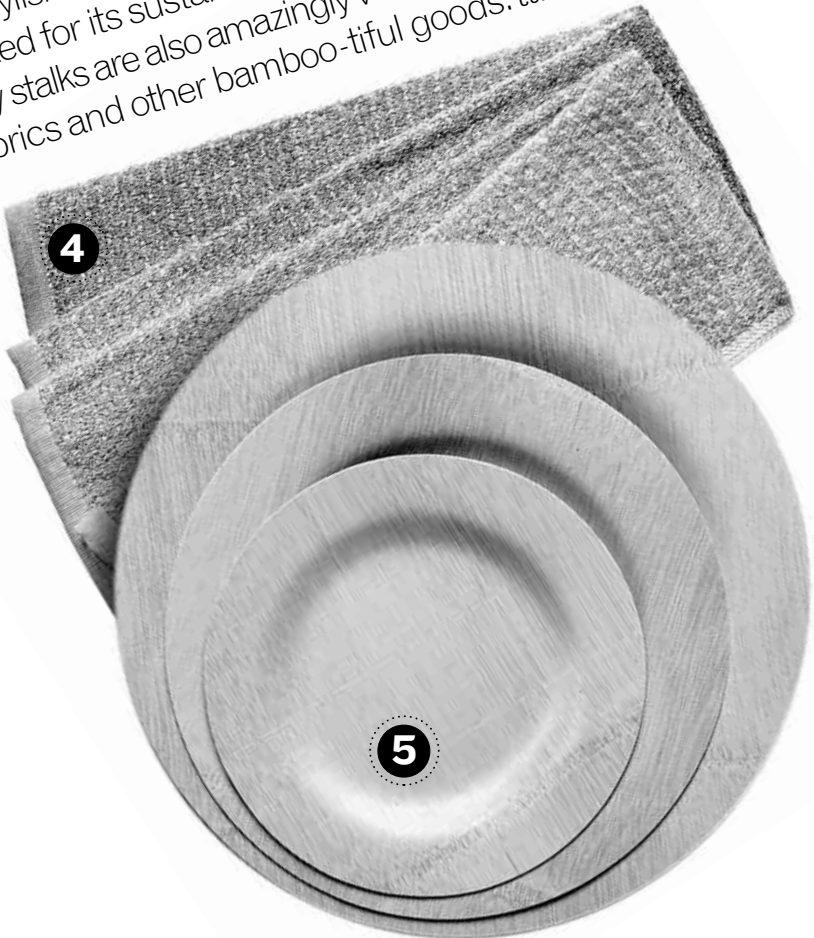


who’ve lost a fingertip or two in a dicing accident. This volume starts with the simple—buying, sharpening, storing and gripping—and concludes with virtuoso feats like tomato rosettes, lemon stars and cucumber fish. The DVD, though afflicted with a painful smooth jazz soundtrack, teaches 13 lessons, such as “a dull knife is actually a very dangerous tool.” Alas, no tips on surviving gang warfare. H.J.M.



Bambooo(m)!

Now that plastics are topping the public health freak-out list, bamboo has emerged as a safe, stylish alternative for kitchenware. This panda-approved material is prized for its sustainability (it grows insanely fast) and strength. The sturdy stalks are also amazingly versatile, multitasking as cooking utensils, fabrics and other bamboo-tiful goods. COLLEEN EGAN



(1) **Festive mats** by Anugrah are tough enough to withstand the a. of high-traffic kitchens, and the bright, cheerful colors might even motivate you to sweep the floor. (\$38, Tabletop, 1608 20th St. NW; 202-387-7117). (2) If you bring home farmers-market produce in your “Green Is the New Black” reusable tote, you can’t go chopping your bok choy on just anything. So, use these funky yet functional cutting boards. (\$10, Home Rule, 1807 14th St. NW; 202-797-5544). (3) **Wokaholic?** Snap up a pair of these tongs, designed to keep your pans scratch-free (\$8, Surlatable.com). (4) **As a fabric**, bamboo is super-absorbent and boasts antibacterial qualities, making it ideal for dish towels, like these handwoven numbers from MUKitchen (\$10, Home Rule). Plus, with their contemporary color palette, they almost make it fun to do the dishes. Almost. (5) **Paper, plastic or Styrofoam?** None of the above, please. Made from organically grown bamboo, these single-use plates by Bambu biodegrade in four to six months. (\$7.50-\$14.50, National Building Museum, 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448).

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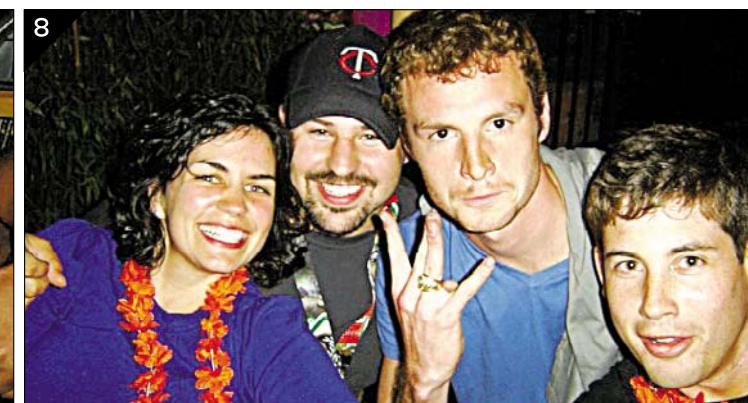
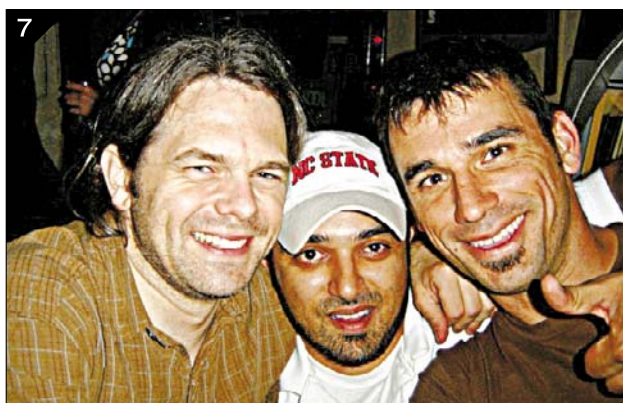
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Q What prescription drug would you be and why?

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1. "Medical marijuana. I'm like a flower: I just need pot, water and love," Allison Basker, with Philip Yoo. **2.** "Penicillin. I'd be revolutionary," Brian Beach, with Allison Ojaney-Goldsmith. **3.** "Prozac. I can see the world in a peaceful light," Angela Jones. **4.** "Morphine. 'Cause it's hard to be a dog," Dog, with Tyrone Marshall. **5.** "Xanax. It gives you no hangovers," Nekia Wright. "Whatever pays the student loan bills," Jeff Brown. **6.** "Ambien. I'd love to hear what my superego has to say," Elizabeth Dyer. **7.** "Prozac. Everyone wants you, and it's from the '80s," Dave Haffner, left. "Adecotin, a mixture of Adderall and OxyContin," Omar Ali, center, with Chris Hobbs. **8.** From left: "Birth control," Karen Benedetti. "Ritalin. It's for the kids!" Nate Majeitad, with Jackson L. "Vicodin. Feels fuzzy," Ryan Long. ROBYN MINCHER AND JEFF BROWN



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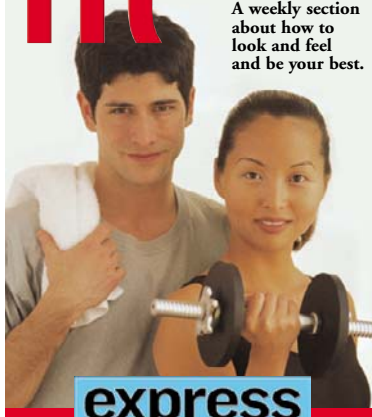
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Liza Esser, Gary Fitzgerald

Liza, 35, is a teacher. Gary, 40, is a Web site manager. They live in D.C.

- **The Main Event:** A Catholic ceremony followed by a formal reception in Sterling Heights, Mich., on June 27.
- **How They Met:** At Marty's on Capitol Hill.
- **First Impressions:** "I could tell she was a good person and worth getting to know." "He was cute!"
- **First Date:** They met for lunch and headed to Starbucks for coffee.
- **How He Proposed:** Gary cooked

Liza a tortellini dinner, which they ate in her backyard before he popped the question. "I remember saying, 'Will you marry me? Please say yes.'"

■ **Stupidest Fight:** "We always fight over parking spaces," says Liza. "Honey, you missed one." "I can't fit in that!"

■ **Their Song:** "If I Should Fall Behind" by Bruce Springsteen.

■ **Pet Names:** Gary is "Sweetie Peetie." Liza is "Sweetie" and "Baby Baby."

■ **Making It Unique:** They'll have a photo booth at the reception. The hotel where the reception will be held also has an indoor water park. Says Liza: "The kids are excited!"

■ **When She Knew:** "A few months after we started dating, I went on a three-week trip to Greece and Italy. I sobbed the whole car ride to the airport."

■ **Wedding Jitters:** Gary is afraid of tripping while walking the aisle. "I can be a little klutzy, but I recover well."

"She was a good person and worth getting to know."



Katelyn Rosa John Stephenson

Katelyn, 30, works in admissions at Georgetown. John, 31, is a project manager at an international consulting firm. They live in Alexandria.

- **The Main Event:** A formal ceremony and reception at a seaside estate in Ipswich, Mass., on May 30.
- **How They Met:** "An eighth-grade mock trial," says John. "Seriously." "We've known each other 19 years," says Katelyn. The childhood sweethearts went their separate ways in college but rekindled their romance when both moved to D.C. four and a half years ago.
- **First Impressions:** "She lit up the room, and I couldn't take my eyes off her." "He was the most handsome and intelligent 13-year-old I had ever met. I especially loved his braces!"
- **First Date:** "Her dad took us for ice cream in the middle of a snowstorm"

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before we could drive," says John. "Otherwise, it was prom."

■ **How He Proposed:** "I took her to our town common, which was a special place to us," says John. "I then gave her 70 homemade cards for our future anniversaries together. She said yes before seeing the ring."

■ **Most Hated Clothing Items:** "Her leopard-print socks." "He had this St. Petersburg T-shirt from an ex—but I haven't seen it in awhile!"

■ **When He Knew:** "When I first saw her in eighth grade."

Timing Really Matters

After arriving late at a Nats game last year, LISA PARKS was irked to be stuck sitting next to a stranger. Soon, her stadium seat turned out to be not so bad, though, when she hit it off with ALEX BRYANT. "We talked the entire game!" she says. A first date soon followed at, yes, another Nats game — one of the hottest of the season. "Lisa was a real trooper," recalls Alex.

When he decided to propose eight months later, the pair's timing was once again a factor. Attempting to mimic John Cusack in "Say Anything," Alex stood outside Lisa's pad and blasted Peter Gabriel's "In Your Eyes" from a stereo (with ring in tow). Yet when he called to ask her to look outside, Lisa's line was busy. Plan B? He took his efforts indoors — only to run into Lisa in the staircase. Blaring music and confusion ensued, but Lisa said yes. They will wed June 18 in Las Vegas. Afterward, they'll fly in a chopper to the floor of the Grand Canyon to watch the sun set.

Alex, 38, is a contract and operations specialist. Lisa, 39, is an education specialist. They live in Silver Spring.

Anthony Fykes, Kendra Tucker

Tony, 27, is a sales rep. Kendra, 25, is a consultant. They live in Alexandria.

- **The Main Event:** A semiformal ceremony and reception in D.C. on June 1.
- **Honeymoon:** They'll jet off to Playa del Carmen, Mexico.
- **How They Met:** Through mutual acquaintances, one of whom was Kendra's boyfriend. When things didn't work out, Tony says, "I patiently waited until I went in for the kill."

■ **First Impressions:** Says Kendra: "'Who is that fine guy?' I think my mouth was actual-open when I was looking at him." Tony's reaction was just as extreme. He thought, "Where is the nearest chapel so I can marry this girl?"

■ **First Date:** Since Tony lived in New York and Kendra was in Chicago, they count their first phone chat. "Very 'Sleepless in Seattle,'" says Kendra.



■ **How He Proposed:** Kendra says Tony suggested "we go to Chicago on February 13—because that's when people go to Chicago, in the dead of winter,

during the biggest snowstorm of the season." It made sense when he popped the question over dessert at a favorite restaurant on Valentine's Day.

■ **Most Hated Clothing Item:** For Kendra, it's socks. When Tony gets home from work, he takes his shoes off, and as he walks around in his socks, "they'll start to inch off ... until one will be hanging from a toe, clinging for dear life. That sock will fall off and then resurface two days later in a random place."

■ **When He Knew:** When Kendra made Tony breakfast two years into their relationship. "I said, 'If she keeps scrambling eggs like this, I'll have to marry her.'"

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